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**PADILLA WINS APPROVAL FOR DONATION OF 50 COMPUTERS TO
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**

LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla today won unanimous approval for his motion that directs the City of Los Angeles' Information Technology Agency to donate 50 surplus computers to neighborhood councils throughout the City.

“By providing these technological resources to neighborhood councils, we are empowering local citizens to communicate with the City – and with each other,” said Council President Padilla. “We want to encourage civic participation and to give our neighborhoods a voice in the process.”

“We can’t guarantee that every person will have a computer – but we can guarantee that every neighborhood council will have a computer,” said Greg Nelson, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). “Being ‘connected’ is essential to being able to function effectively as a neighborhood council.”

The Los Angeles Public Library has also offered to provide computer training free of charge to neighborhood council staff in order to maximize the use of the new technology.

Currently, 51 neighborhood councils have been certified in Los Angeles with another 20 awaiting certification.

The 7th Council District serves the communities of Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, Pacoima, Panorama City, and Sylmar

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