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**MAYOR HAHN ANNOUNCES DEPUTY MAYOR FELIPE FUENTES TO MANAGE THE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATE**

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Jim Hahn today announced that Deputy Mayor Felipe Fuentes has expanded his responsibilities to include management of the Mayor's Office of the Neighborhood Advocate.

In this capacity, Fuentes will manage Mayor Hahn's Volunteer Corps, constituent services, the Neighborhood Enforcement Action Team and the Neighborhood Block Grant programs. Fuentes will also be Mayor Hahn's liaison to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

"As a life long Valley resident, Fuentes brings a unique perspective to constituent and neighborhood services," said Mayor Hahn. "He will be a great asset in working with every Los Angeles neighborhood to strengthen the relationship between local communities and City Hall."

Fuentes will continue to coordinate the Mayor's efforts on special projects, and will be based in Van Nuys City Hall. Prior to serving in the Mayor's office, Fuentes assisted with organizing the field operations for Hahn's mayoral campaign, and served three years as a Deputy to Los Angeles City Councilman Alex Padilla. He is a graduate of University of California at Los Angeles and is currently earning an MBA at Pepperdine University.