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## MAYOR HAHN ANNOUNCES PORTER RANCH 74TH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CERTIFIED

LOS ANGELES \* Mayor Jim Hahn today announced that the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (#74) completed the certification process Tuesday evening during a Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting at Holmes Middle School in Northridge.

"Congratulations to the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council," said Mayor Hahn. "I was especially impressed that three city employees served on the 13-member organizing committee. City employees can bring a wealth of knowledge to any Neighborhood Council that will help them empower themselves. I look forward to seeing great things come out of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council."

"Already the home of many neighborhood watch groups, the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council will now find itself becoming experts in planning and land use because Porter Ranch is the city's largest undeveloped parcel of land in the city," said Department of Neighborhood Empowerment General Manager Greg Nelson.

Earlier, during the week, Mayor Hahn congratulated the MacArthur (#71) and Pico Union (#72) Neighborhood Councils for helping surpass the goal of having 70 neighborhood councils certified by July 2003. Mayor Hahn pledged to have 100 neighborhood councils certified by next summer.