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PADILLA ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$1.2 MILLION RAISED FOR STATE SENATE RACE

LOS ANGELES – With just three weeks left until the June 6 primary, Los Angeles City Councilmember Alex Padilla today announced that he has raised more than \$1.2 million

Meeting this mark ensures that Padilla has the resources needed to communicate with voters about his record of leadership for the district and his plans to make the San Fernando Valley stronger and safer by improving education, health care, housing, and more for Valley families.

Padilla and his opponent, Cindy Montanez, will officially file campaign finance reports next week for the period that closes this Friday, May 20. As of March 17, the closing date of the most recent campaign finance report filings, Alex's opponent had raised just \$614,000 compared with Alex's \$908,000.

"I am grateful for the strong support I've received to help me communicate my positive message for the Valley," said Padilla.

Councilmember Padilla is running for the State Senate seat being vacated by State Senator Richard Alarcon. Padilla is endorsed by U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Congressman Howard Berman, LAPD Chief Bill Bratton, LAFD Chief William Bamattre, United Teachers Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the California Fire Chiefs Association, and a supermajority of the Los Angeles City Council. The primary election will be held in June 2006.

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