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**PADILLA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO PROPOSITION “O” CITIZENS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

LOS ANGELES B City Council President Alex Padilla today named five members to the Proposition “O” Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee.

The members are as follows:

- **Cecelia V. Estolano** (*Of Counsel, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP*) served as Commissioner with the California Coastal Commission from 1999 to 2002.
- **Jose Sigala** (*Founder/Principal, Baca Sigala Advocates*) is President of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR).
- **Mary Nichols**, (*Director & Professor-in-Residence, UCLA Institute of the Environment*), served as the California Secretary for Resources from 1998 through 2003.
- **Cynthia McClain-Hill** (*Managing Partner, McClain-Hill Associates*) served as a member of the California Coastal Commission from 1999 to 2004.
- **Francine Diamond** (*Chair, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board*) serves on the Board of Directors of the California League of Conservation Voters.

Proposition “O” – the Citywide bond measure for clean beaches and water - was approved by 75% of Los Angeles voters in the November 2, 2004 election.

Proposition “O” will provide \$500 million in bond measure funds to clean up the City’s rivers, lakes, beaches, and ocean. The language of Proposition “O” includes provisions for the establishment of a Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee that is be responsible for monitoring the bond program, projects, budgets and schedules and to advise and report to the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council on its status.

Proposition “O” mandates that the Advisory Committee consists of nine members, with four appointed by the Mayor and 5 appointed by the Council President. Of the Council President’s five appointments, three must have expertise and experience in clean water issues, and one of these shall be recommended by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The remaining two must be knowledgeable community representatives.

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