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Krekorian Issues Statement on Verdugo Hills Golf Course

LOS ANGELES – On Monday, Oct. 18 2010, Councilmember Paul Krekorian issued the following statement on the Verdugo Hills Golf Course:

“I fully support the efforts of Volunteers Organized in Conserving the Environment (VOICE) and the more than two dozen organizations that fight to preserve the Verdugo Hills Golf Course, an important and popular oasis of open space and recreational activity in our community.

“From the 5,000 active and involved VOICE members, to the hundreds of others in the community groups from Sunland-Tujunga to Studio City, I am proud to stand with such forceful advocates for open-land preservation and believers in positive environmental policy. Their efforts to save the golf course reflect a community-wide desire not only to retain a heavily-used recreational facility, but to also maintain an open and very beautiful area for people to enjoy in an increasingly developed urban region.

“I will continue the fight to retain the Verdugo Hills Golf Course in its current state and press to keep it open to preserve much-needed green space in our community. That is why I have convened a working group of dedicated city staff members and departments, including the city’s Office of Chief Legislative Analyst, the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and the Department of Recreation and Parks to explore all options to find funding to acquire the golf course, giving us all peace of mind once and for all.”

Councilmember Paul Krekorian, a former state Assemblymember who worked hard in Sacramento to preserve the golf course, represents Los Angeles' Second Council District. His district includes the golf course, the foothills and the eastern San Fernando Valley. His website is cd2.lacity.org, where you can sign up for news updates or visit him on Twitter (@PaulKrekorian) or Facebook.

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