July 3, 2018

Ms. Nancy Skinner

Senator for California Senate District 9

State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Joel Anderson

Senator for California Senate District 38

State Capitol, Room 5052
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: DPSFV Supports Senate Bill 1437 [Accomplice Liability for Felony Murder]**

Dear Senators Skinner and Anderson:

Please note for the record that last night the Executive Board of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DP/SFV) voted unanimously to support Senate Bill 1437. To provide some background on our organization, DP/SFV was founded in 1978 and chartered by the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee. Our organization is the coordinating body for a coalition of twenty-one Democratic Clubs located in the six Assembly Districts (38, 39, 43, 45, 46, and 50) which are wholly or partially in the San Fernando Valley.

The DP/SFV Political Action Committee met last month to discuss Senate Bill 1437 and voted to recommend that the DP/SFV Executive Board support this important piece of legislation. The Political Action Committee noted that Senate Bill 1437 would effectively eliminate the “felony murder rule” as we know it by prohibiting malice from being imputed to a criminal defendant based solely upon his or her participation in a felony.

Thank you for introducing this important piece of legislation and for your work on behalf of all Californians. Please feel free to contact me if our organization may be of further assistance in supporting this important piece of legislation. We hope to see it signed into law soon.

Sincerely,

Shanna Ingalsbee

Chair of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

cc: Senator Wiener and Assembly Members Burke, Gipson, and Medina.