July 3, 2018

Mr. Ricardo Lara

Senator for California Senate District 33

State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

 Ms. Holly J. Mitchell

Senator for California Senate District 30

State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: DPSFV Supports Senate Bill 1393 [Sentencing: Prior Serious Felony Conviction]**

Dear Senators Lara and Mitchell:

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 1393. 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 Assembly Senate Bill 1393 and voted to recommend that the DP/SFV Executive Board support this important piece of legislation. The Political Action Committee noted that Senate Bill 1393 would grant a superior court judge the discretion to strike a prior serious felony conviction to avoid the imposition of the five-year prison enhancement when the defendant has been convicted of a serious 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: Senators Beall, Bradford, and Skinner.

Assembly Members Carrillo, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra,, Quirk, and Weber.