

June 10, 2019

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty California Assembly District 7 State Capitol, Room 2136 Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

RE: DP/SFV Supports Assembly Constitutional Amendment 6 [Free the Vote]

The Honorable Kevin McCarty:

On behalf of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DP/SFV), we are pleased to report that our Executive Board voted to support ACA 6, a State Constitutional Amendment to restore voting rights for individuals on parole.

DP/SFV was founded in 1978 and is 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 ACA 6 and voted to recommend that the DP/SFV Executive Board support this vital piece of legislation. The Political Action Committee noted that more than 4.5 million people nationwide are barred from voting because of a felony conviction, part of a centuries-old legacy of disenfranchisement, discriminatory laws, and the over-policing of communities of color. Our state is home to nearly 50,000 parolees, who work, pay taxes, and contribute to their community, but are denied any voice in their own government. ACA 6 is a vital step towards ending racial oppression and a stronger democracy.

Thank you for introducing this important Constitutional amendment and for your hard work on behalf of all Californians. Please feel free to use this letter confirming our official support for ACA 6 in any way you deem applicable or helpful. Your office is always welcome to contact DP/SFV if our organization may be of any further assistance in supporting ACA 6.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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