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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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RE: DPSFV Supports Senate Bill 464 [Food4All]

Representatives of the Honorable San Fernando Valley Delegation:

On behalf of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DPSFV), we are pleased to report that our Executive Board voted to support SB 464, which will make noncitizens eligible for the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) if the noncitizens satisfy all eligibility criteria for participation in CalFresh except any requirements related to immigration status.

DPSFV 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 DPSFV Political Action Committee met last month to discuss SB 464 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this vital piece of legislation. The committee noted that adequate nutrition is vital for the health and wellbeing of all people, but many Californians struggle to make ends meet and put food on the table. COVID-19 and the resulting economic crisis have worsened hardship across the state, and our immigrant communities are among the hardest hit.

Access to CalFresh/CFAP means access to opportunity by reducing hunger, improving health and lifting people from poverty. Currently, federal laws exclude undocumented immigrants, DACA recipients, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and certain visa holders from CalFresh. We recognize that now is the time for California to champion bold policies and support all Californian's regardless of immigration status.

We urge you to support SB 464.

Please note that DPSFV will be tracking this bill as it travels through the Legislature. Your voting record will be noted and may be considered should you ever seek our endorsement. Your office is always welcome to contact DPSFV if you have any questions.

Sincerely and respectfully,



Chair Sean M. Rivas
Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

cc: Assembly Members Rivas, Friedman, Gabriel, Nazarian, and Bloom
Senators Hertzberg, Portantino, Stern Allen and Hurtado (author)

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