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RE: DPSFV Supports AB 1816: Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program

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 AB 1816, which will help to prevent homelessness among those who were formerly incarcerated by reallocating moneys from the CDCR to evidence-based reentry services, including housing.

We urge you to please support this important piece of legislation.

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 Democratic Clubs located in the Assembly Districts which are wholly or partially in the San Fernando Valley.

The DPSFV Political Action Committee met last month to discuss AB 1816 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this vital piece of legislation. The committee noted that California lacks the infrastructure to accommodate the needs of those transitioning out of the criminal justice system. One of the largest contributors to racial disparities in our unhoused population is the high number of people exiting prison without access to stable housing. Formerly incarcerated people are 10 times more likely to become homeless and roughly 50 percent of those experiencing homelessness report a history of incarceration.

When people exit our prisons, their successful reintegration requires a stable home. We urge you to support AB 1816.

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, Bloom, and Isaac Bryan (author)
Senators Hertzberg, Portantino, Stern, and Allen

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