

April 17, 2021

RE: DPSFV Supports Assembly Bill 292 [Access to Programming Act]

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 292 (Stone), which seeks to eliminate common barriers to programming for incarcerated persons.

We urge you to support this vital 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 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 AB 292 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this important piece of legislation. The committee noted that this legislation will address barriers such as long waitlists, frequent transfers, and inflexible work schedules that conflict with program availability, while also ensuring that programming continues during lockdowns. AB 292 will reduce overall contact with the criminal-legal system by granting incarcerated community members' greater access to rehabilitative and other programs that can shorten the time they spend incarcerated. For these reasons, we urge you to support AB 292.

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

cc:

Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

Assembly Members Rivas, Friedman, Gabriel, Nazarian, Bloom and Stone (Author) Senators Hertzberg, Portantino, Stern, and Allen