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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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**RE: DPSFV Supports AB 364 (Rodriguez)**

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 364, the Foreign Labor Contractors legislation. AB 364 would ensure that temporary workers have the necessary tools and information necessary to protect themselves from fraudulent labor recruiters.

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 364 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this vital piece of legislation. The committee noted this legislation would protect internationally recruited workers from exploitation and human trafficking resulting from the payment of illegally assessed recruiting fees. Reports have shown that that labor trafficking is flourishing among documented people with visa programs. Workers who are recruited internationally often face abuse directly related to their recruitment including fraud, discrimination, forced labor, human trafficking and more.

AB 364 helps businesses that recruit their own temporary workers or who use legal foreign labor contractors (FLC's) by ensuring that they don't need to compete with FLC's who fraudulently procure workers with temporary visas and exploit workers by charging illegal fees. Furthermore, it creates transparent and comprehensive working terms and establishes liability terms.

We strongly urge you to support AB 364.

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 Rodriguez (author)  
Senators Hertzberg, Portantino, Stern, and Allen

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