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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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RE: DPSFV Supports CF 20-0790

Representatives of the Honorable San Fernando Valley City Council 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 CF 20-0790 which directs the City of Los Angeles' Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the City Attorney, to report back on the process of prohibiting the City from procuring goods and services derived from prison labor.

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 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 CF20-0790 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this vital piece of legislation. The committee noted that prisoners are usually not provided employment protections such as minimum wage, overtime pay or sometimes even a safe work environment. Additionally, they have no right to workers' compensation should they be injured on the job and equally as important, they don't have the right to unionize through the National Labor Relations Act.

As a city that prides itself and leads the way in practicing fairness and equality for all, we must work to end institutional injustices which disproportionately impact black indigenous people of color. The City must be transparent in their sources for procurement and ensure that inequalities such as prison labor are non-existent within its government jurisdiction.

We urge you to support CF 20-0790.

Please note that DPSFV will be tracking this bill as it travels through the City Council. 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: Los Angeles Council Members Rodriguez, Martinez, Koretz, Roman, Blumenfield, and Krekorian