



May 21, 2022

RE: DPSFV Supports AB 2926: Employee Obligations: Exclusivity Options

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 2926, which prohibits any term for an option period of more than 9 months after the initial commercial release of a musical product. We urge you to please support this vital piece of legislation; in addition to that this bill also prohibits a contract in which an employee (their personal or professional services) cannot work for multiple employers.

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 2926 and voted to recommend that the DPSFV Executive Board support this legislation. The committee noted that that even though the market has dramatically changed companies still benefit from outdated laws that allow them to wield an overwhelming amount of control over artists through exclusivity contracts.

AB 2926 prohibits the use of outdated contract provisions that leave actors and recording artists unable to work for unreasonably long periods of time. This bill prohibits the use of outdated contract provisions that leave actors and recording artists unable to work for unreasonably long periods of time. It also prohibits production studios' and record labels' ability to unilaterally hold artists off the market and unpaid. This bill clarifies that workers have a right to work multiple jobs, and specifically allows artists to work for multiple employers when they are not scheduled to work for their original employers. It will open new earning opportunities for actors, recording artists, and all Californians.

We urge you to support AB 2926 so that no worker is bound to an unreasonable and lengthy contract that holds them back from making decisions about their own livelihood.

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 Ash Kalra (author)
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