



Date: September 13, 2017

Ms. Jessica Hayes, Chair
San Diego County Democratic Party
8340 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 105
San Diego, CA 92111

Re: Assure Fair Endorsement Process for District 4 County Supervisor Race

Dear Jessica:

At the Martin Luther King Jr. Democratic Club meeting held on September 9, 2017, we decided to ask the San Diego County Democratic Party, Central Committee to set aside what we believe was a pre-emptive endorsement of candidate Nathan Fletcher for 4th district Supervisor at a meeting of the Central Area caucus held on August 28, 2017. With that said, we formally request that the Central Committee pull the recommended Area endorsement from the consent agenda for the upcoming Central Committee meeting in accordance with the San Diego County Democratic Party bylaws.

We are concerned that the Central Area caucus vote for Nathan Fletcher may be taken by the Central Committee as a sign to rubber stamp Party endorsement for candidate Fletcher without hearing from and deciding among all highly qualified Democratic candidates for this office. Along with Fletcher, the diverse roster includes two African-American men, Ken Malbrough and Omar Passons, and a Latino woman, Lori Saldana.

We believe it is the job of the Central Committee to hear all Democratic candidates before voting on endorsements in such important races – especially for this supervisorial seat which has not been open since 1994. Please reassure us before your September 19 meeting that there will be a fair and open San Diego County Democratic Party endorsement process for the District 4 County Supervisor race.

Thank you,

Alyce Pipkin-Allen
Vice President
Martin Luther King Jr. Democratic Club

Cc: Melinda Vasquez, Vice Chair, North Area, Chair Pro Tem
Taisha Brown, Vice Chair, Central Area
J. Eric Hereford, Vice Chair, East Area
Louis O. Osuma, Vice Chair, South Area
Anthony Montalvo, Secretary
Xavier Martinez, Controllor



Cc: Steve Castanenda, Director of Administration
John Loughlin, Director of Clubs
Hugh Rothman, Director of Grassroots Organizing
Francine Busby, Past Chair
Martin Luther King Jr. Democratic Club Executive Board