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Re: Cease and Desist from Publicizing Endorsements of the Anaheim Democratic Club and Santa Ana Democratic Club

Dear Councilmember and Central Committee Member Jessica Lopez:

The Democratic Party of Orange County (“DPOC”) demands that your campaign immediately cease and desist from using the names, logos, or purported endorsements of the Anaheim Democratic Club and the Santa Ana Democratic Club on your campaign website, campaign literature, and any other campaign materials.

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Orange County, the Bylaws of the California Democratic Party, and California Elections Code section 20201, only the California Democratic Party and the duly authorized county central committees possess the authority to charter Democratic clubs.

You are well aware that the Anaheim Democratic Club lost its charter in 2024 and is no longer a chartered Democratic organization recognized by the DPOC. Additionally, the so-called “Santa Ana Democratic Club” is not a chartered Democratic club recognized by the DPOC or the California Democratic Party. The use of these organizations in campaign materials falsely implies official Democratic Party recognition and endorsement where none exists.

Further, the representation of endorsements from organizations that are not duly chartered may raise serious concerns regarding compliance with California campaign and disclosure laws, including potential issues under the jurisdiction of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”).

Accordingly, the DPOC demands that your campaign immediately remove and discontinue all references to, endorsements from, and use of the logos or names of the Anaheim Democratic Club and the Santa Ana Democratic Club from all campaign-related materials and public communications.

If your campaign fails to comply, the DPOC reserves all rights to pursue appropriate legal and administrative remedies, including referral to the California Democratic Party, the FPPC, and any other appropriate authority.

In solidarity,

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