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Date: January 30, 2026

To: LA28 Organizing Committee, FIFA, City of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles County Officials

Re: Support from California State Legislators for Anti-Trafficking Recommendations Ahead of the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympic Games

We, the undersigned members of the California State Legislature, write to express our strong support for the recommendations outlined in the joint report *Preventing and Addressing Human Trafficking Related to Major Sporting Events in Los Angeles*, released by the Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative at Loyola Law School and Arnold & Porter.

As Los Angeles prepares to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic Games, we recognize both the extraordinary opportunity and the profound responsibility to ensure these events do not contribute to human trafficking, labor exploitation, or harm to vulnerable communities. California and Los Angeles has some of the strongest anti-trafficking laws in the nation, and these protections must be meaningfully implemented during mega-events of this scale.

The report makes clear that while billions of dollars will be generated by these events, a dedicated investment of **\$2.75–\$3.1 million per organizing body**—a fraction of one percent of projected revenues—is the minimum necessary to prevent trafficking, protect workers and immigrants, and strengthen the region’s human rights infrastructure.

Why This Matters

Los Angeles has the opportunity to lead globally by demonstrating that major sporting events can be hosted responsibly, with enforceable protections for workers, immigrants, and survivors of trafficking. With LA28 predicting a surplus and FIFA projecting billions in revenue, dedicating a small portion of these resources to anti-trafficking measures is both feasible and essential.

We urge LA28, FIFA, and local officials to incorporate these recommendations into the required draft human rights reports due at the end of this month, and to commit to transparent, survivor-centered implementation. Ensuring that draft plans are released publicly before finalization is a critical step toward accountability.

Together, we can ensure that the World Cup and Olympic Games are remembered not only for athletic excellence, but also for advancing human rights and protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Sincerely,



Assemblymember Liz Ortega



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Assemblymember Michelle Rodriguez



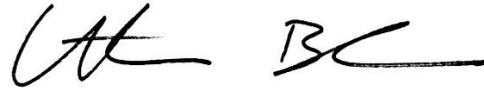
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