

VIA EMAIL

November 25, 2018

Subject: LA Sheriff Endorsement

Dear _____,

The San Pedro Democratic Club is proud to have endorsed **Alex Villanueva for LA County Sheriff**. Alex is the only Democrat in the race and has been endorsed by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party (LACDP). It has come to our attention, however, that you have endorsed the opponent, a non-Democrat candidate. As a Democratic elected official, we are curious to know why this choice was made. Maybe you are unaware of the LACDP prohibition on endorsing non-Democratic Party candidates. The passage from the By-Laws is here:

Constitution and By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee:

Article II, Section C. Termination of Membership

4. Termination for Additional Grounds

a. The additional grounds for termination of membership are as follows:

(i) A member supports a non-Democratic candidate for public office;

All Democratic clubs are chartered through their respective county committees and have this cause rolled down in their by-laws. Thus, *endorsement of a non-Democrat can result in termination from both the LACDP and any club in the county.* * See Insert

Local races are entry points for aspiring candidates. Endorsing non-Democrats suppresses party growth and our ability to build a "bench" of future leaders. Republicans understand this and have taken local offices throughout the state. We need party discipline if we are going to win these seats back.

Fortunately, this is a race the Democrats appear to have won but it would have been a landslide victory had elected leaders like yourself united behind the Democratic candidate. We strongly urge you to reconsider endorsement of any non-Democrats and to support **Alex Villanueva for LA County Sheriff**.

In solidarity,

Carrie Scoville, President

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Letter 1: As an LACDP member and an endorsed candidate we are sure you see the cost this would bring to a campaign.

Letter 2: As an LACDP endorsed candidate we are sure you see the cost this would bring to a campaign.

Letter 3: As a registered Democrat we are sure you see the cost this would bring to a campaign.