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Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr., Chair City of Los Angeles Economic and Community Development Committee 200 N. Spring St Los Angeles, CA. 90012

## RE: Support for Council File# CF 17-0026-S1 Christian Rodriguez Settlement

Dear Chair Price,

I am writing today to support LA City Councilmember 1st District Hernandez, LA City Councilmember 15th District McOsker, and LA City Councilmember 9th District Price's proposed legislation that will extend the terms of the *Christian Rodriguez Settlement* and improve the process to identify and assist class members.

Unfortunately, the City of Los Angeles has only assisted less than 25% of the 6,000 class members. Our organization has helped to identify class members or their eligible relatives to receive this valuable resource. An extension of the settlement terms will help us work together to identify and assist other class members. While the current process has left many people behind the few it has touched have benefited tremendously.

Founded in East Los Angeles in 1972, it is a tremendous honor for Soledad Enrichment Action, Inc. (SEA) to boast over 50 years of continued dedication and service to some of the region's most vulnerable and at-risk communities. SEA empowers youth, families, and communities in underserved areas to become self-determined contributing members of society by providing guidance, resources, and support. Among the services we provide are assisting youth and others with securing employment, gang intervention services, and tattoo removal.

I am confident an extension, allocated funding to identify class members, and flexibility with resources not tied to jobs and education will allow us to meet the spirit of this settlement.

Respectfully yours,

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