

## Los Angeles / Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council

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Henry Vandermeir, Chairman Democratic Party of Orange County 1916 West Chapman Avenue, Suite B Orange, CA 92868

Dear Chairman Vandermeir:

The Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council wishes to inform you that if immediate action isn't taken to remove Greg Diamond as the Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of Orange County, we will immediately withdraw all support of the DPOC.

Mr. Diamond recently filed an Intent To File Litigation against the City Of Anaheim for its approval of the Anaheim Convention Center. This action taken by a person that represents the DPOC is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Mr. Diamond has a miserable track record of opposing numerous construction projects in the Orange County area: San Onofre, 241 Toll Road, Tesoro Extension, Poseidon Desalination, Alternate #3 for the I-405 Improvements and the Garden Walk Hotels. Those projects, when approved by the appropriate agency, would have created several thousand jobs for the Building Trades Craft Unions and their families. Unemployment in the construction industry still remains at an all-time high. Every job is important.

Yet Mr. Diamond acts openly to take jobs away from working-class people. The Democratic Party represents working-class families and we all strive to continue to build the party by registering new members, while maintaining the values of the party. However, it becomes very difficult to register new members, or explain to rank-and-file members who are in desperate need of jobs, that due to the actions by the Democratic Party, the project is either delayed or another option was selected.

We can't block people's jobs and ask them to vote for our candidates. Most important, the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council affiliates cannot act against the interests of our 140,000 dues-paying members.

We request that you take immediate action to facilitate Mr. Diamond's removal from his position in the Democratic Party of Orange County.

Sincerely,

Ron Miller

Executive Secretary

Jim Adams

Council Representative (O.C.)

cc:

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