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Dear Mr. Durfee and Members of the Central Committee,

The City of San Diego Retired Employees' Association applauds your recent decision to decline the early endorsement request of San Diego City Attorney Michael J. Aguirre. At the same time, we beseech you to remain steadfast in this decision for two very important reasons.

First, Mr. Aguirre has, since his election in November 2004, relentlessly attacked the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System Board and City retirees, including filing a number of lawsuits against them, in an attempt to take back hard-earned, contractually protected retirement benefits. He also supports privatization of City government by endorsing the practice of contracting outside labor to replace City workers' positions. Both are contradictory to the very ideology of the Democratic Party.

Second, we are deeply concerned that Mr. Aguirre is under investigation by the California State Bar for unknown reasons. Your endorsement, at this point, likely would mean that the Democratic Party would sacrifice credibility if there is ultimately a finding that Mr. Aguirre has violated any professional codes of conduct requiring discipline by the state bar.

Our organization is dedicated to the continuance and protection of our benefits, although, never in our history have we found it necessary to take formal position on any issue. We find ourselves now having to take a formal stance to let you know the serious effect the City Attorney's actions have had on retired people. We urge you to look at the "big picture" of Mr. Aguirre and continue to refuse his endorsement request.

Sincerely,

Nancy Acevedo
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cc: City of San Diego Retired Employees' Association Board Members

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