LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT - March 10, 2020 -BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION

March 5, 2020 - Members Met: (Co-Chairs) D. Igelsrud, P. Kujawsky (Committee Members) C. Anderson, F. Briones, D. Choi, D. Evans, D. Reik, J. Stapleton, C. Sung, M. Sutter and C. Thomas

AB 1985 (Asm. Blanca Rubio (D)): Dependency: Victims of Human Trafficking - SUPPORT

This bill would explicitly authorize a child who is or was a victim of labor trafficking, and whose parent or guardian has failed or was unable to protect the child, to be adjudged a dependent of the juvenile court. The bill would make various related changes to reflect this expansion, including, among other things, a requirement that the case plan for a child nonminor dependent who is, or who is at risk of becoming, the victim of labor trafficking, document the services provided to address that issue. By expanding county duties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. Also, this bill would generally prohibit a social worker from taking temporary custody of a child who is the victim of human trafficking. In addition, this bill would change the name of the program to the Human Trafficked Children Program and revise all parts of the program to include children who are victims of labor trafficking. Lastly, the bill would require the department to provide and update information provided to the Legislature regarding implementation of these provisions and to provide additional information relating to serving child victims of labor trafficking.

HJ RES 79 / SJ RES 6 (Rep. Jackie Speier (D) [CA-14] / Sen. Ben Cardin (D) [MD]): Removing the Deadline for Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment - SUPPORT

This joint resolution eliminates the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, which prohibits discrimination based on sex. The amendment was proposed to the states in House Joint Resolution 208 of the 92nd Congress, as agreed to in the Senate on March 22, 1972. The amendment shall be part of the Constitution whenever ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.