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Fee Waiver to Congratulate California's Newest Speaker of the Assembly

On June 30, 2023, Robert Rivas was sworn in as Speaker of the California State Assembly. Raised in California's rural Central Coast by his single mother and grandparents who emigrated from Mexico in the 1960s in search of the California Dream, Speaker Rivas grew up in farmworker housing. His grandfather was a farmworker at Almaden Vineyards, and growing up Speaker Rivas watched his grandfather stand side-by-side with Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, and the United Farm Workers as a leader in the fight to win fair contracts for farmworkers.

Speaker Rivas was first elected to the California State Assembly in 2018. During his first term, he was appointed as the Chair of the Assembly Agriculture Committee and elected as Vice-Chair of the influential Latino Legislative Caucus. A lifelong resident of the 29th Assembly District, Speaker Rivas previously served two terms on the San Benito County Board of Supervisors prior to becoming an Assemblymember.

During his tenure in the Assembly, Speaker Rivas has championed legislation to

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improve California's supply of affordable housing, increase workplace health and safety protections, create the Golden State Teacher Grant Program, and secure the first-in-the-nation COVID-19 Farmworker Relief Package, which included critical efforts related to access to PPE and testing, temporary housing, and healthcare.

A long-time champion of the environment, Speaker Rivas won bipartisan support for the Oil Transportation Safety Act, which improved the State of California's preparedness to protect coastal regions after a potential spill of non-floating oil. Further, Speaker Rivas has led efforts to accelerate the construction of renewable energy and ensure the State of California explores all options to use public lands and oceans to effectively sequester carbon.

As Speaker Rivas now leads the lower chamber of the California Legislature. His leadership merits recognition from the County of Los Angeles to congratulate him on his appointment and to welcome him to the region to meet first-hand with Angelenos eager to fight on behalf of California's most vulnerable.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors waive parking fees in the amount of \$4,000 for approximately 200 vehicles at Lot 14, excluding the cost of liability insurance, on August 7, 2023, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, for community members attending a welcome reception for Speaker Robert Rivas.

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