

General Manager Julie Butcher Reiterates SEIU Local 347's Support for Democrat Jose Solorio in the 69th Assembly District

(Los Angeles, CA – May 22, 2006) Julie Butcher, General Manager of SEIU Local 347, released the following statement in response to the unauthorized release of a false statement regarding the campaign for the 69th Assembly District:

“SEIU Local 347 wholeheartedly stands by its endorsement of Jose Solorio in the race for the 69th Assembly District. That is the official position of the Local Union, its officers and the SEIU State Council.

There are, of course, differences of opinion during the course of contract negotiations. But those differences will be ironed out at the negotiating table. It is unfortunate that an unauthorized letter written and signed by one person, which does not reflect the views of the union, has been released and reported on the Internet.

“Jose Solorio has an unmatched record as a champion for workers.

“That is why SEIU Local 347 supports Solorio and why he has won the support of every significant labor organization involved in this race. He stands with working families. And we stand with him.

“Claudia Alvarez, Solorio's opponent in the race for Assembly District 69, is a tool of developers and big business. Her Assembly campaign's biggest supporter is JobsPAC, the special interest arm of Governor Schwarzenegger's political operation. Alvarez is financed by oil companies, insurance companies and corporations that put profits before people and the interests of working families.

“Make no mistake about it. SEIU is unequivocally committed to defeating Claudia Alvarez and any statement otherwise is flatly untrue. The members of Local 347 are working and will continue to work hard to elect Jose Solorio to the California State Legislature. Millions of Californians who work hard every day – who deserve a fair wage and need secure health care and retirement -- deserve no less.”