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Maria Elena Durazo Releases Statement about Senate vote on planned NFL stadium complex

*Passage of AB81xxx will Allow Thousands of Struggling Workers to
Secure Well-Paying Middle-Class Jobs*

(Los Angeles) – Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Maria Elena Durazo issued the following statement today on the Senate’s passage of AB81xxx. The measure will speed the creation of a new 3-million square foot NFL stadium and entertainment, dining and shopping complex that will create more than 18,000 middle-class jobs and generate millions in revenue for the region’s hardest-hit local economies.

“Working Californians, and Californians eager to work, wish to acknowledge Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg for his leadership in the passage of AB81xxx. His leadership avoided costly delays and will lead to thousands of much-needed well-paying, middle-class jobs.

“We also would like to acknowledge Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, Assistant Pro Tem Isadore Hall, the Los Angeles Legislative Delegation, city and county leaders, and business groups for their leadership.

“With today’s vote, the world’s first ‘green’ stadium will become a reality. This measure will put idle workers back on the job where they belong, foster civic pride, generate new revenue for local government and set an example for the world with a new state-of-the-art stadium.

“This project -- supported by the 800,000 members of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, among others -- will be built at no cost to taxpayers.

“When completed, the stadium complex will create more than 18,000 good paying jobs, including 12,000 in construction and more than 6,700 permanent jobs. The economic impact of the project will be \$762 million annually to a region reeling from record high unemployment now hovering at 12.5 percent.

“Now, we can get more Californians to work sooner and help boost our economy in an environmentally responsible way.”

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*The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO is the chartered Central Labor Council (CLC) of the AFL-CIO in Los Angeles County and is the second largest in the country, representing over 800,000 workers through over 350 unions. Its mission is to promote a voice for workers so they can remain in the middle class, move themselves out of poverty by joining a union, encourage active participation in the political process by electing pro-union and pro-worker officials and to advance public policies that support workers and their families. As the coordinating center for labor’s political activity, the Federation believes that in educating and mobilizing workers to be politically active they can create and sustain healthy communities, and **FIGHT FOR GOOD JOBS** that **REBUILD THE LOS ANGELES MIDDLE CLASS**. Visit the Federation at www.launionaflcio.org.*

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