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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: G.M. 350 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Lillian Gonzales Brown to the Statewide Independent Living Council

Hearing: Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Lillian Gonzales Brown to the State Independent Living Council (SILC). The SILC was established in the 1992 Amendments to the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and acts in partnership with the Department's Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division (VRSBD) on services that address the independent living and employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Lillian Gonzales Brown is seeking reappointment to her second term on the Council. Ms. Gonzales Brown is a freelance disability educator and consultant, and a person with a disability. She currently serves the SILC as Treasurer. Ms. Gonzales Brown contributes her background in enabling people with disabilities to lead more independent lives and the perspective of an individual with a physical disability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.