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### **Northridge Indivisible Denounces State Senator Bob Hertzberg's Refusal to Support the Passage of the VISION Act, Contributing to its Failure to Pass and the Continued Deportation of Immigrants**

Northridge, CA September 1, 2022 - Northridge Indivisible joins community organizations throughout the San Fernando Valley in denouncing the cowardice, lack of leadership and lack of representation displayed by our state senator, Bob Hertzberg, during Wednesday's vote on the VISION Act (AB 937). Senator Hertzberg failed to represent the interests and voices of his constituents and local organizations when he abstained from voting on a bill that has garnered wide support throughout the San Fernando Valley, the state of California, and the country. The bill narrowly failed to pass by three AYE votes.

The VISION Act would have ended the discriminatory double punishment of community members who earn release after serving time in prison or jail, and instead allow them to return to their communities and families to rebuild their lives. The Senate's failure to pass the VISION Act means that families looking forward to reunions with loved ones face the potential nightmare of having ICE detain (and possibly deport) their family member, solely on the basis of where they were born.

Senators like Bob Hertzberg who refused to vote in support of the VISION Act demonstrated that they value politics more than people. He ignored the will of the people he represents and acted against dozens of LA county elected officials who urged him to support this bill.

Senator Hertzberg is running for a seat on the LA County Board of Supervisors. In 2020, Los Angeles County put an end to warrantless ICE transfers. The VISION Act would have made this policy the law statewide. His failure to support the VISION Act makes it clear that he cannot be trusted to represent the interests of the 3rd district on the LA County Board of Supervisors.

**About Northridge Indivisible** <https://www.trnindivisible.org>:

We're a volunteer group of grassroots progressives in Northridge, CA, who are working together to drive political change starting at the local level. We stand for inclusivity, equity, freedom, and opportunity for everyone. We believe change starts municipally by building relationships with our local communities along with our elected officials, to help increase voter turnout in every election. We look for opportunities to drive change here and across the country and will work closely with grassroots organizers in each area to assist in their efforts for progressive change. Empowering each of our members to lead is crucial to the success of our impact.

Northridge Indivisible is part of the Indivisible Project <https://indivisible.org>

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