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COUNTER – DEMO CALLED IN SUPPORT
OF AB 654

The San Fernando Valley/Northeast Los Angeles Chapter of the National Organization for Women (SFV/NELA NOW) has called a counter – demonstration in support of AB 654, the California Compassionate Choices Act (Levine-D, 40th AD) for 9:00 a.m. May 18, 2005 in front of 320 W 4th Street, Los Angeles, the office of Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez.

According to Linda Pruett, Co-President of SFV/NELA NOW, “the California Catholic Conference is organizing a protest there in an attempt to force Nunez to oppose the legislation, which is designed to allow terminally ill people to end their suffering. Many of the people on the other side of this issue are our friends and allies on many other issues, but we respectfully disagree with them on this one.”

Pruett said that the opponents argument that the lack of universal health care for Californians will force inappropriate decisions to end the lives of the terminally ill is misplaced: “the lack of universal health care is an argument for us to continue the battle to obtain health care as a right for all people; it is not an argument for continuing the suffering of people in pain who have no hope of recovery.”

SFV/NELA NOW voted unanimously to endorse AB 654 at its annual business meeting in December 2004.