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## Capital Area Soccer Referees Association (CASRA)

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Sam,

I am writing to you on behalf of the referee membership of the Capital Area Soccer Referees Association. The membership expressed surprise at the unexpected replacement of Randy Francis (SRA), David Olmos (SDA) and Elo Veselka (SAC). While we have confidence that you, Enrique, and Bob will do a fine job, the membership is concerned that these changes may signal a change in vision or direction for the referee program. We are particularly concerned if there is a shift in balance or focus with respect to equal support of the youth and adult league referees. The past several years has seen a superb improvement in the referee registration, instructional, mentoring, and assessment programs focusing on both youth and adult league referees. The membership wants to know if a change is anticipated, and if so what the change entails.

Consequently, we would appreciate a response from you with respect to your and the State Referee Committee's vision going forward with respect to serving both youth and adult league referee programs, and any changes of which we should be aware. You are also invited, either in person or over the phone, to address our membership at a monthly meeting, convenient to you. Our meetings are on the first Monday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact me to make arrangements if you will be able to present at a meeting (in person or by phone).

In addition we would like to state our tremendous support for Raymond Lalgée as the State Director of Instruction. We applaud the strategy of retaining a highly experienced, highly regarded individual such as Raymond to assist the committee and association in its business during the transition of personnel. We have a large number of associate and full instructors in our association, in large part due to the superb job that Raymond has done and continues to do as SDI.

Finally, the membership would like to understand the procedure to get our top level referees considered for State Cup appointments and other high level "playoff match" positions. We would like to understand what they need, and when and to whom the required information needs to be directed for them to be considered. We would appreciate your assistance and advice on this matter.

Sincerely,

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