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Executive Director Ron Nocetti &
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**Re: Support to Reinstate North Salinas High School Track and Field Athlete Clara Adams
as the True CIF 400-Meter Event State Champion**

Dear CIF Executive Director Ron Nocetti and Director Bobbi Madsen,

On behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, we respectfully urge the California Interscholastic Federation to immediately reinstate North Salinas High School sophomore and track and field standout Clara Adams as the rightful State Champion in the 400-meter final. Clara Adams is an exceptional athlete whose achievements are the result of her unwavering dedication, discipline, and work ethic. Earlier this year, she broke both the Monterey County and Central Coast Section records in the 400-meter event, remarkable milestones that reflect her outstanding ability and commitment to excellence.

At the CIF State Championships, Clara won the 400-meter final with an impressive time of 53.24 seconds. However, she was subsequently stripped of her title due to a post-race celebration that emulated a well-known gesture made by Olympic Gold Medalist Maurice Greene in 2004. Clara's celebration did not take place on the track itself, nor was it directed toward any competitors. Based on our review, there is no precedent in CIF history over the last two decades for disqualifying a high school athlete from a state title on such grounds.

Moreover, Clara was further penalized by being disqualified from the 200-meter event, in which she was ranked second. This compounded punishment appears disproportionate and inconsistent with the standards of sportsmanship enforcement, particularly in the absence of prior warnings or comparable disciplinary actions.

We believe reinstating Clara Adams' 400-meter state championship title is not only justified, but necessary to uphold the principles of fairness, integrity, and justice. Clara serves as a role model for youth in our county and across California, and she deserves to have her victory, and her winning-setting time rightfully restored.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued support of student-athletes across the State of California.



Sincerely,

Chris M. Lopez

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