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EMANUEL PLEITEZ TO CALL ON GARCETTI TO GIVE BACK ANTI-IMMIGRATION DONATIONS
Pleitez reprimands Garcetti for "boycotting Arizona" and accepting anti-immigration funds privately

LOS ANGELES – Emanuel Pleitez spoke on the steps of City Hall demanding that Eric Garcetti return money from anti-immigrant donors. Garcetti, who publically boycotted Arizona because of strict anti-immigrant regulations, has accepted donations from known Republican donors and anti-immigration advocates.

Pleitez, the son of Mexican and Salvadoran immigrants, took a personal tone, saying "I'm sickened by the constant pandering by our elected officials to our immigrant communities they've habitually ignored and don't understand." Referencing Garcetti's anti-immigrant contributors, Pleitez argued, "We don't need another politician who says one thing and does another." Garcetti, who has been courting the Latino community throughout the race, has seen a drop in Latino support as of a recent poll.

"We don't need a politician beholden to groups that oppose our interests" said Pleitez. The donors discovered in Councilmember Garcetti's city ethics contribution records are as follows:

- Jack Selby, a supporter of John McCain and John Boehner, who've both led the opposition to immigration reform;
- James Harrison, a contractor who supports Republican candidates who advocate building a fence and arming vigilantes to patrol our border;
- And Michael Meldman, a developer who supports Ben Quayle, a Republican who ran a campaign in Arizona calling Barack Obama "the worst President in history" and supported legislation preventing immigrant children born in the U.S. from getting citizenship.

Pleitez concluded by asking Garcetti to return the funds from anti-immigrant donors. "I would think that Councilmember Garcetti - who's described anti-immigrant people as 'going off the deep end' and 'forgetting what it is to be American' – would reject money that came from such people. He should live up to his promise to boycott Arizona's anti-immigrant policies by returning all donations from anti-immigrant supporters." Though aimed at Garcetti, it's clear Pleitez was speaking to all four top mayoral candidates.

Pleitez is a former technology executive, with public, private, and non-profit sector experience, and was appointed to manage President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. Pleitez, an LA native, grew up on the eastside and currently lives in El Sereno with his wife, Rebecca.

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