



Kounalakis, Lara, Ma Endorse Evan Low for Congress in California's 16th District

Campbell, CA - Today, Assemblymember Evan Low announced three endorsements from California statewide elected officials in his bid for California's 16th Congressional District: Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, and Treasurer Fiona Ma. These endorsements demonstrate broad and growing support for Low's campaign for Congress, where he would be the first Chinese-American and first LGBTQ+ member elected from the Bay Area.

"As a dynamic leader in the California State Assembly, Evan Low has consistently demonstrated his ability to work hard and get things done," said **Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis**. "His dedication to strengthening public safety and fighting for reproductive freedom are exactly what is needed in Congress today. I am proud to endorse Assemblymember Low, knowing he will bring the same level of dedication and results-oriented leadership to Congress."

"Assemblymember Evan Low has my full support in his historic campaign for Congress," said **Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara**. "As a trailblazing LGBTQ+ and AAPI leader, Evan brings crucial representation to our political landscape, ensuring diverse voices are heard at the highest levels. His unwavering commitment to equality and the kitchen table issues that matter to Californians make him an exemplary choice for Congress, and I'm confident he will continue to deliver results in this next step."

"I proudly endorse Evan Low for Congress, a leader who has dedicated his career to public service as both the Mayor of Campbell and a State Assemblymember," said **Treasurer Fiona Ma**. "Evan's unwavering commitment to fighting for reproductive freedom and the most vulnerable has been a cornerstone of his impactful career. His election to Congress will not only elevate AAPI voices but will also ensure that the fight for reproductive rights and true equality remains at the forefront of our legislative priorities."

Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, and State Treasurer Fiona Ma are the latest addition to a growing list of endorsements including Representatives Ro Khanna, Judy Chu, and Mark Takano; LGBTQ+ Victory Fund; Equality PAC; and ASPIRE PAC.

ABOUT EVAN LOW

Evan Low is a fourth-generation Californian, born and raised in Silicon Valley. The son of an optometrist and leader of the local Chamber of Commerce, Evan was taught the importance of civic engagement and love for his community from a young age. He attended great public schools in Silicon Valley and stayed local, earning degrees from De Anza College and San Jose State University.

As in so many Asian American families, Evan and his brother were encouraged to become doctors, lawyers or engineers—but the pull towards public service was too strong for both of

them. Evan saw local government as the way to give back to his community and his brother Ryan became a police officer.

Symbolizing a new generation of leadership and diverse representation, Evan broke barriers in 2006 as the first Asian American, openly gay, and one of the youngest people ever elected to Campbell City Council. His trailblazing continued in 2009 when he became the youngest Asian American and youngest LGBTQ Mayor in the nation.

In 2014, Evan's dedication to improving lives and delivering results led him to the California Assembly where he marked another milestone as the youngest Asian American legislator in the body's history. In 2015, he founded and chaired the nation's first-ever bipartisan Technology and Innovation Caucus to modernize the state government's approach to a rapidly changing economy.

Throughout his time in the Assembly, Evan has brought diverse coalitions together to deliver results on the biggest issues of our time, maintaining Silicon Valley's global competitiveness, leading the fight on climate change, and lowering costs for middle-class families struggling to live and raise a family in California.

As past Chair of the LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus, Evan led the charge on marriage equality and expanded civil rights here and across the country. Through his leadership of the Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, Evan has been a powerful bulwark against the rapid rise in anti-Asian hate fueled by the xenophobia and nativism of the Trump presidency.

Recognized for his impact, Evan was named one of the "*Top 25 People Who Will Change Silicon Valley*" by the Silicon Valley Metro Newspaper, California's "*Most Prolific Lawmaker*" by the Sacramento Bee and "*Legislator of the Year*" from leading tech publications, labor unions, healthcare advocates and law enforcement.

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