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Evan Low Receives Backing Of Senator Laphonza Butler in Race for Congress

Assemblymember Evan Low receives powerful endorsement from U.S. Senator and former Emily's List President Laphonza Butler

Campbell, CA - Today, Assemblymember Evan Low announced he received the backing of United States Senator Laphonza Butler in his campaign to represent California's 16th Congressional District. Senator Butler is a dedicated fighter for California families who has served as the President of the California Service Employees International Union (SEIU) state council, a regent of the University of California and the President of Emily's List. Most recently, Senator Butler answered the call to serve when Governor Gavin Newsom appointed her to the United States Senate in the wake of Senator Dianne Feinstein's passing.

"As a person of color and LGBTQ+ individual, I know how important it is that Congress has more diverse voices," said **Senator Laphonza Butler**. "That is why I am supporting Evan Low's history making campaign to serve as the first openly LGBTQ+ and Chinese American member of Congress from Silicon Valley. Assemblymember Low has taken on some of our toughest fights including enshrining a woman's right to an abortion and contraceptives in the California constitution, strengthening hate crime laws to protect vulnerable communities, and lowering costs for the middle class. He will be a tireless fighter in Congress who will deliver results for California families."

"Receiving Senator Laphonza Butler's endorsement is a tremendous honor and a significant moment for our campaign," said **Assemblymember Evan Low**. "Senator Butler's relentless advocacy for working families and reproductive rights aligns deeply with the core values of our community. Together, we will continue to fight for working families, protect abortion rights and ensure all Californians have a seat at the table."

Senator Butler's endorsement comes on the heels of Assemblymember Low's announcement that 20 local elected officials are coalescing behind his campaign. They join a wide ranging coalition of support including 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. Senator Butler is the highest-ranking California elected official to have endorsed in this race, and Assemblymember Low remains the only candidate in this race to have received endorsements from California statewide elected officials.

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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