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Reps. Garcia, Meng and former Rep. Honda Endorse Evan Low in Race for Congress

Assemblymember Evan Low grows list of Congressional endorsers in bid for Congress

Campbell, CA - Today, Assemblymember Evan Low announced that he has earned the endorsements of U.S. Representatives Robert Garcia and Grace Meng and former U.S. Rep. Mike Honda in his race for Congress. **With this announcement, Assemblymember Low has now earned as many Congressional endorsements as the rest of the CA-16 field combined.**

"As a fellow former mayor and LGBTQ+ person of color, I am proud to endorse Evan Low for Congress. Evan will bring the perspective of a local and state official to lowering housing costs and keeping our communities safe. He also has a record of standing up for our rights and against hate in California and I know Evan will do the same in Congress," said **Rep. Robert Garcia**.

"I'm proud to endorse Evan Low to be the first Chinese-American member of Congress from Northern California. Evan will be a voice for protecting our rights, fighting hate crimes, and working to address the shrinking of our middle class," said **Rep. Grace Meng**.

"Growing up in the wake of internment during World War II, my family and I faced insults and discrimination simply because of our Japanese ancestry. Sadly, Anti-Asian hate remains with us today, and it is more important than ever to elect Asian-American leaders in the face of Trump. Evan Low wrote the law to strengthen hate crime protections in California, and I'm proud to endorse him to be a voice for us in Congress" said **former Rep. Mike Honda**.

"As a gay man, my lived experience has motivated me to take on Trump's hate during my time serving our community as Mayor and State Assemblymember," said **Assemblymember Evan Low**. "I'm proud to have passed stronger anti-hate laws and led the fight to enshrine marriage equality in our California constitution, and now I'm running to take the fight for our rights to Congress."

Reps. Garcia and Meng and former Rep. Honda add to a long list of supporters of Low's campaign that includes the California Labor Federation, ASPIRE PAC, LGBTQ Victory Fund, Equality PAC and Equality California, the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus, BAYMEC, U.S. Sen. Laphonza Butler, Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, and State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Representatives Ro Khanna, Judy Chu, Mark Takano, and Ritchie Torres; and over 20 state and local 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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