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**Evan Low Endorsed by California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus,
BAYMEC in Race for CA-16**
*Assemblymember Evan Low consolidates support from California's
LGBTQ+ Community in Congressional bid*

Campbell, CA - Today, Assemblymember Evan Low announced that he has earned the endorsement of the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus in his race to become the first openly LGBTQ+ California state legislator elected to Congress. Additionally, Low has earned an endorsement from BAYMEC (the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, a LGBTQ PAC).

"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."

In a joint statement, **the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus stated**: "The California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus could not be more proud to endorse Assemblymember Evan Low, who would be the first openly LGBTQ+ California state legislator elected to Congress and the first openly LGBTQ+ member of Congress from Northern California. Evan has stood up for our rights year after year in Sacramento, most notably by sponsoring ACA 5 to enshrine marriage equality in our constitution, and he's ready to bring the fight for equality to Congress."

The LGBTQ Caucus and BAYMEC endorsements follow previous LGBTQ+ political endorsements from LGBTQ+ Victory Fund, Equality PAC, and Equality California. Low has also been endorsed by the California Labor Federation, ASPIRE PAC, 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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