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## Evan Low Receives the California Labor Federation's Sole Endorsement in Race for Congress

Assemblymember Evan Low receives the sole nod from state AFL-CIO council upon recommendation of local labor councils

**Campbell, CA** - Today, Assemblymember Evan Low announced he has received the sole endorsement of the California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, representing over 1,200 local unions, in his race to represent California's 16th Congressional District (Silicon Valley) in Congress. This endorsement follows the recommendations of the San Mateo and South Bay Labor Councils to endorse Low. Assemblymember Low is the only candidate in this race to have announced any endorsement from organized labor.

"The California Labor Federation's endorsement highlights my commitment to fighting for better wages and conditions and lower costs for working Californians," said **Assemblymember Evan Low**. "I'm proud of the strides that California has made on labor rights, and I'm ready to bring more of that progress to Congress."

The California Labor Federation's endorsement follows Low's recent endorsement from U.S. Senator and former SEIU California President Laphonza Butler. They join a wide ranging coalition of support including Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, and State Treasurer Fiona Ma, Representatives Ro Khanna, Judy Chu, Mark Takano, and Ritchie Torres; over 20 state and local elected officials; LGBTQ+ Victory Fund; Equality PAC; Equality California; 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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