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## **Local Leaders Coalesce Around Evan Low's Campaign for Congress in Silicon Valley**

*Over 20 local elected officials from Silicon Valley endorse Evan Low in California's 16th Congressional District*

**Campbell, CA** - Today, Assemblymember Evan Low announced over 20 endorsements from city and county level current and former elected officials in his bid for California's 16th Congressional District. These endorsements demonstrate the geographically, demographically, and politically diverse support for Low's campaign for Congress. A fourth-generation Californian and lifelong Silicon Valley resident, Low would be the first Chinese-American and first LGBTQ+ member elected from the Bay Area.

The local leaders endorsing Evan Low for Congress include:

- Aileen Kao, former Mayor, City of Saratoga
- David Canepa, Supervisor, San Mateo County
- Domingo Candelas, Councilmember, City of San Jose
- Gilbert Wong, Trustee, Foothill-De Anza Community College District
- Jeff Cristina, former Mayor, City of Campbell
- Joseph DiSalvo, Board of Education Member, Santa Clara County
- Julia Miller, Board Member, El Camino Hospital District
- Juslyn Manalo, Mayor, Daly City
- Ken Yeager, former Supervisor, Santa Clara County
- LaDoris Cordell, retired judge and former Councilmember, City of Palo Alto
- Marcia Jensen, Former Mayor, Town of Los Gatos
- Margaret Abe-Koga, Councilmember and former Mayor, City of Mountain View
- Marico Sayoc, former Mayor, City of Los Gatos
- Patrick Ahrens, Trustee, Foothill-De Anza Community College District
- Paul Resnikoff, former Mayor, City of Campbell
- Richard Gordon, former Supervisor, San Mateo County and former State Assemblymember
- Richard Waterman, former Mayor, City of Campbell
- Rob Moore, Councilmember, Town of Los Gatos
- Rosemary Kamei, Vice Mayor, City of San Jose
- Tony Spitaleri, former Mayor, City of Sunnyvale
- Vaishali Sirkay, School Board Member, Mountain View-Los Altos Unified School District
- Yan Zhao, Mayor, City of Saratoga

These endorsements are the latest additions to a growing list of supporters that includes Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, State

Treasurer Fiona Ma, Representatives Judy Chu, Ro Khanna, Mark Takano, and Ritchie Torres; 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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