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Equality PAC, Equality California & LGBTQ+ Victory Fund Rally Around Evan Low's Historic Bid for Congress

Leading LGBTQ+ advocacy groups throw their support behind Assemblymember Low's historic campaign

Campbell, CA - Today, Assemblymember Evan Low announced he earned the support of three leading groups dedicated to electing LGBTQ+ individuals and allies throughout the country including Equality PAC, Equality California and LGBTQ+ Victory Fund. The three organizations are coalescing behind Low's historic candidacy to become the first openly LGBTQ+ member of Congress to represent Silicon Valley.

In issuing the endorsement, Equality PAC Co-Chair Congressman Ritchie Torres issued the following statement:

"Assemblymember Evan Low is a true trailblazer who has consistently broken barriers, notably as the youngest LGBTQ+ mayor in the nation at the time. His unwavering commitment to our community is evident in his efforts to fight to ban conversion therapy, protect reproductive freedom, and enshrine marriage equality in the California constitution. Assemblymember Low's leadership and dedication make him the ideal candidate to champion our values in Congress. His groundbreaking work continues to inspire and pave the way for a more inclusive and equitable future."

In receiving the endorsement, Equality California Executive Director Tony Wang released the following statement:

"During his more than 15 years in office — first as Mayor of Campbell, then as a California Assemblymember — Evan Low has dutifully served his constituents and helped open doors for future generations of out LGBTQ+ legislators. As a member and former Chair of the Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus, he has led on legislation to better the lives of LGBTQ+ Californians in various arenas, including healthcare, safe and supportive schools, cultural competency for law enforcement, and more. Just this year, he joined Sen. Scott Wiener in successfully advancing ACA 5 through the legislative process — a constitutional amendment that will remove the discriminatory, anti-marriage equality language of

Proposition 8 from our state's constitution once and for all. In no small part because of his leadership, this issue will appear on the 2024 general election ballot, where we are confident that the voters of California will act to protect same-sex and interracial marriages. His experience and strong record make him the ideal candidate to represent California's 16th Congressional District.

We are eager to work to elect Evan Low to Congress in 2024, alongside our largest-ever slate of pro-equality endorsees up and down the ballot.”

In receiving the endorsement, LGBTQ+ Victory Fund President Annise Parker released the following statement:

“We are thrilled to announce LGBTQ+ Victory Fund's endorsement of Evan Low's historic campaign for Congress. As the past Chair of the California LGBTQ+ Caucus, he has been at the forefront of pivotal movements, including the declaration of Transgender Day of Remembrance and leading the charge on marriage equality. His efforts have played a crucial role in protecting and enhancing civil rights not just locally, but across the nation. Evan's dedication and leadership make him an exemplary representative for our community in Congress.”

This announcement closely follows Assemblymember Low's support from Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders Rising & Empowering Political Action Committee (ASPIRE PAC), the political arm of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Members of Congress. Continuing to build on the momentum of his successful campaign launch where he raised \$300,000 in the first 48 hours after announcing his campaign for Congress, he is demonstrating his ability to consolidate support ahead of the March primary.

BIOGRAPHY

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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