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International Association of Firefighters Endorses Evan Low for Congress in CA-16

Assemblymember Evan Low receives the support of local and international firefighters in Congressional bid

Campbell, CA - Today, Assemblymember Evan Low announced that he has earned the endorsement of the International Association of Firefighters, along with the support of the Santa Clara County Firefighters (IAFF Local 1165) and the Palo Alto Professional Firefighters (IAFF Local 1319). These follow Low's previously-announced endorsements from the California Labor Federation and the South Bay and San Mateo Labor Councils.

"Our firefighters work hard every day to keep our communities safe, and I'll work hard every day to ensure they earn the pay and benefits they deserve," said **Assemblymember Evan Low**. "I'm running to fight for all of our working families in Congress."

"The International Association of Firefighters is proud to support Evan Low for Congress. Evan will stand strong for collective bargaining and be a champion for better pay, benefits, and conditions for firefighters and all working people in Congress," said **IAFF General Secretary-Treasurer Frank Lima**.

The IAFF endorsements 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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