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**ASSEMBLYMEMBER SWANSON COMMENDS  
ASSEMBLY VOTE FOR SPEAKER-ELECT PEREZ**

The California Assembly officially voted today to elect Assemblymember John A. Pérez (D-Los Angeles) to serve as the next Speaker of the Assembly. Assemblymember Sandré R. Swanson (D-Alameda) issued the following statement after voting for the new Speaker:

“Speaker-elect John Pérez has a celebrated and extensive record in supporting the labor movement by fighting for better wages, and healthcare and benefits for working families. I am confident that he will use this background to work for a budget that is fair to our state workers and protects the safety net for our citizens.

“It was my pleasure to vote for Speaker-elect Pérez today, and I am optimistic that Speaker-elect Pérez will be a visionary steward of the Assembly during these historically difficult financial times,” concluded Assemblymember Swanson.

Speaker-elect John A. Pérez will be sworn in as the new Speaker of the Assembly at a later floor session, to be announced.

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