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Conservation Voters Endorse Swanson for Assembly

The California League of Conservation Voters endorsed Sandre Swanson for the 16th Assembly District in the Democratic Party primary, the Swanson campaign announced today.

Over the last three decades, Swanson has compiled an extensive record of environmental protection, working as Chief of Staff and senior policy adviser to Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Congressman Ron Dellums. From his work on military base conversion to the successful dredging of the Port of Oakland, Swanson has been a leader in efforts to clean up the environment while creating jobs.

“I believe economic growth and environmental protection are not mutually exclusive,” Swanson declared. “Environmental regulations have been the cornerstone upon which rest the high quality of California’s air and water, and the protection of California’s most cherished coastline, forests and open space. These benefits have supported the desirability of California as a place to live and a place to do business. As such, I support California’s legacy and future as the United States’ leader in environmental protection,” Swanson continued.

Swanson cited the delay of the Department of Defense in completely and quickly cleaning up and transferring all former military base land to the cities of Oakland and Alameda as one of the key environmental challenges facing the East Bay.

“We are still struggling with the lack of timely federal financial support in completely cleaning up military sites in our district,” Swanson noted. “It is not environmental regulations that are slowing growth in this case. It is the broken promise of the Department of Defense to clean up its former military sites in a timely manner.

“I will continue to challenge the Department of Defense to meet its timely clean up responsibility and oppose the President Bush’s plan to use former military bases for new oil refineries,” Swanson concluded.

Swanson also declared his intention to address the issue of port pollution. “I will promote innovative truck stop electrification technology, where trucks can hook up to equipment that provides electricity instead of idling for hours. I will also look into the feasibility of utilizing more hybrid trucks at our port and electric train service from the port,” Swanson said.

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