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Swanson Announces Major Endorsements Campaign Raises Over \$272,000, On Schedule

Sandré Swanson's campaign for California's 16th Assembly District announced today that it has garnered the support of major state and local officials and organizations. The campaign has raised \$272,895 over the last three reporting periods, beginning in 2004.

Swanson has a cash on hand balance of \$133,894 as of the end of the December 31, 2005 reporting period. Swanson signed the voluntary spending limit of \$446,000 for the Democratic primary. The campaign reports that fundraising has been on schedule, and anticipates that it will raise the full amount by the June 6th primary election.

"I am very pleased by the depth and breadth of my support," said Swanson. "People from every walk of life in the East Bay have contributed money, time, and effort to help my campaign for Assembly."

In addition to his strong financial backing, Swanson has received the endorsement of prominent elected officials at all levels of government, including Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Congressman Ron Dellums, Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, State Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, Assembly Majority Whip Karen Bass, and Assemblyman Joe Coto.

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, and Assemblyman Johan Klehs, who also represent parts of Oakland, have also endorsed Sandré Swanson for Assembly.

Alameda endorsers include Mayor Beverly Johnson, the majority of the Alameda city council, including council members Doug DeHaan, and Frank Matarrese, and school board member Bill Schaff.

A majority of the Oakland city council, including council members Jean Quan, Desley Brooks, Jane Brunner, Henry Chang, and Larry Reid have also endorsed Swanson's candidacy.

County and regional endorsements include Supervisor Keith Carson, President of the Board of Supervisors, Carole Ward-Allen, President of BART Board of Directors, Chris Peoples, AC Transit Board Member at Large, Gay Plair Cobb, Alameda County Board of Education, Dennis Chaconas, Alameda County Board of Education, Linda Handy, President of the Peralta College

Board of Trustees, Alona Clifton, Peralta College Trustee, Nicky Gonzalez Yuen, Peralta College Trustee, Doug Siden, East Bay Regional Parks Board, and William Patterson, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Tom Bates, Mayor of Berkeley, Dona Spring, Berkeley City Council, Linda Maio, Berkeley City Council, Kriss Worthington, Berkeley City Council, and Surlene Grant, San Leandro City Council.

A broad range of labor, trade, and other interests groups have also supported Swanson. Endorsing organizations include: the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, the California League of Conservation Voters, OakPAC/Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and the Alameda County Building & Construction Trades Council.

“We are in a strong position as we enter the final four months of this campaign,” Swanson declared. “However, money and endorsements alone will not win this race. This race will be run on improving the quality of life for the people of our district. I am going door to door, campaigning on the goals of a secure future for our children, healthy and safe communities to live in, and building a strong economy,” Swanson said. “On my agenda for these goals are making education a priority, creating jobs, providing accessible healthcare, and protecting our environment” Swanson added.

Sandr  Swanson served as Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor to Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Congressman Ron Dellums for the past 30 years. He is past chairman and currently a Trustee for the Alameda County Employees’s Retirement Association (ACERA), which manages the county’s \$4.5 billion pension system for 15,000 active and retired employees.

The 16th Assembly represents the cities of Alameda, Piedmont, and Oakland (85%).

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Press note: Swanson’s campaign reported raising \$33,040 through December 31st of 2004, \$126,148 through June 30th, and \$113,707 through December 31st of 2005. Fractions of less than \$1 were dropped.