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SMITH BACKED BY TOP-NOTCH ENVIRONMENTAL ORG IN AD-38 BID

Sierra Club Endorses Newhall School Board Member Christy Smith for State Assembly

SANTA CLARITA, CA -- Serving as further evidence of her prominence in the race for California's 38th State Assembly District seat, today Newhall School Board Member Christy Smith landed a sought-after endorsement from the Sierra Club.

In announcing their support, *Kathryn Phillips, Director of California Sierra Club* released the following statement:

"The Sierra Club is pleased to announce our strong support of Christy Smith for State Assembly. We know she'll be a champion for clean air and water, protections for our parks and open space, and an advocate for more investments in renewable energy to ensure the sustainability of California's environment for future generations. Christy has our full support."

Responding to news of the endorsement, *Newhall School Board Member Christy Smith* released the following statement:

"The Sierra Club embodies the gold standard of the environmental movement. I'm honored to have their support and look forward to collaborating with them on my campaign and on issues ranging from investing more in clean, renewable energy, protecting our air and water, expanding green space and parks and developing common sense solutions to traffic."

In recent days, Smith's campaign has moved at a blazing-fast pace to lock down critical support from key leaders and organizations. A select list of her support includes:

- California's Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon
- California State Controller Betty Yee
- California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson
- California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell (Ret.)
- State Senator Fran Pavley
- Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
- Assembly Member Cristina Garcia
- Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin
- Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
- Los Angeles/ Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council
- California School Employees Association
- California Teachers Association
- Painters & Allied Trades District Council 36
- Communications Workers of America Southern California Council
- International Union of Operating Engineers Local 12
- Sheet Metal Workers Local 105
- Laborers Local 300
- Heat & Frost Insulators Allied Local 5,
- Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 761
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 40
- California Democratic Party
- Ventura County Democratic Party
- Los Angeles County Democratic Party
- Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley
- San Fernando Valley Young Democrats
- Simi Valley Democratic Club
- North Valley Democratic Club
- Democratic Alliance for Action, Santa Clarita

Santa Clarity Valley Young Democrats

Significantly, Smith was the top vote getter in the June 7th primary election campaign, besting out her competition and earning a stunning 44.7% of the vote.

Christy Smith is running for California's open 38th Assembly District. Assembly District 38 is considered a potential "red-to-blue" flip in 2016, and Christy Smith surprised most observers when she finished as the top vote getter in the June 7th primary election campaign, besting out her competition and earning a stunning 44.7% of the vote.

Christy Smith is a two-term Governing Board Member of the highly successful Newhall School District. She is a 34-year resident of Santa Clarita. A graduate of Hart High School, Christy attended College of the Canyons and graduated with honors from UCLA with a B.A. in Political Science in 1993. In her early career Christy worked as an analyst at the U.S. Department of Education. Christy was elected to the Newhall School Board in 2009. She is active in education advocacy locally and state-wide, serving as the Legislative Vice President of the Santa Clarita Valley Trustees Association and as a delegate to the California School Board Association. Christy lives in Santa Clarita with Phil, her husband of 26 years and their two girls.

For more information on Smith's Assembly bid, please visit <u>www.christysmithforassembly.com</u>.

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