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EDUCATION LEADERS GIVE STRAIGHT 'A's TO SCHOOL

BOARD MEMBER CHRISTY SMITH

*SPI Tom Torlakson, Former SPI Jack O'Connell, California Teachers Association, and California School Employees Association endorse
Christy Smith*

SANTA CLARITA, CA -- Today, on the heels of a powerhouse endorsement from State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, School Board Member Christy Smith was endorsed by a wave of education leaders and organizations, including:

- California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson
- California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell (ret)
- California School Employees Association
- California Teachers Association

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson noted Smith's leadership on education issues in announcing the endorsement:

"Christy Smith has led the way in passing over \$60 million in school funding, and has been a strong advocate for math, science, and arts education," said Torlakson. "I'm proud to endorse her for State Assembly because she will bring the policy knowhow of an education expert, and a passion for improving our schools as a mother and a PTA activist."

Christy Smith reiterated her passion for making community schools better in a

statement accepting the endorsements:

"From my time with the U.S. Department of Education to my work as a School Board Member, I have dedicated much of my career to finding ways to improve local schools, and working with parents and teachers to give our area's students the best education possible," said Christy Smith. "I'm proud to have the endorsement of classroom teachers, school employees, and so many education leaders because these are the exact people that I am going to have to work with in Sacramento to make our schools better and create a better future for all of California's young people."

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
www.christysmithforassembly.com.

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