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## **DEMOCRATIC LEADERS COALESSE BEHIND WEITZMAN FOR CONTROLLER**

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*Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Senator Toni Atkins and State Building Trades Council  
Among Wide-Ranging Group Backing Dan Weitzman for CDP  
Controller*

**SACRAMENTO, CA-** Continuing his avalanche of support from esteemed California leaders and progressive organizations, today longtime progressive activist and Democratic fundraiser Dan Weitzman scored a series of endorsements, including from California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

Weitzman also received the support of State Senator and Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins, CA Board of Equalization Chair Fiona Ma, and State Senator Ben Hueso.

Upon receiving their support, Weitzman released the following statement:

“I am incredibly honored to have the support of many of our state’s most prominent progressive leaders. Both the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker Rendon have demonstrated how to effectively champion bold, progressive ideas throughout the state and are some of California's most esteemed Democratic leaders. Senator Atkins and BOE Chair Ma are additionally courageous, battle-tested visionaries and giants in the Democratic Party.

"I am also incredibly thankful for the support of the State Building and Construction Trades Council and am eager to work with my brothers and sisters in the labor movement to create more jobs in California, raise wages and create an economy that works for everyone. The wide-ranging endorsements are a

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testament to their collective faith in me given the many years I've spent working to uplift Democratic leaders throughout California, making sure that progressives have the resources to run winning campaigns. I'm extremely grateful for their support and look forward to working with them in the future on a wide variety of issues."

Those officially endorsing Weitzman today include:

- Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom
  - Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon
  - Senator and Speaker Emeritus Toni Atkins
  - Fiona Ma, Chair, CA Board of Equalization
  - Senator Ben Hueso
  - Assemblymember Bill Quirk
  - Assemblymember David Chiu
  - Assemblymember Tom Daly
  - Assemblymember Anna Caballer
  - Eric Guerra, Councilman, City of Sacramento
  - Steve Hansen, Councilman, City of Sacramento
  - Gary Davis, Mayor, City of Davis
  - Lucas Frerichs, Councilmember, City of Davis
  - Melissa Hurtado, Councilmember, City of Sanger
  - Magdalena Carrasco, Councilmember, City of San Jose
  - Josh Fryday, Councilmember, City of Novato
  - Don Saylor, Supervisor, Yolo County
  - Jay Hansen, President, Sacramento City Unified School District, Board of Education
  - Paula Villescaz, San Juan School Board Member
  - Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Elk Grove School Board Member
  - Bruce Pomer, Los Rios Community College Board Member
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- Bobbie Singh-Allen, Elk Grove School Board Member
- John Scribner, Sacramento County Board of Education Trustee
- Coby Pizzotti, Washington Unified School District Trustee
- Christy Smith, Newhall School Board Member
- Rich Leib, Solano Beach School Board Member
- Mike Fong, LA Community College Board Member
- Lisa Kaplan, Natomas School Board Member
- Sunny Zia, Long Beach Community College District Board Trustee
- Dr. Armond Aghakhanian, Burbank Unified School District Board Member
- Speaker Emeritus Fabian Nunez
- Speaker Emeritus John A. Perez
- Speaker Emeritus, Past Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante
- Antonio Villaraigosa, Former Mayor, City of Los Angeles
- Jim Mastin, Former Mayor of Ukiah
- Dario Frommer, Former Assembly Majority Leader
- Rich Gordon, Former Assemblymember
- Dennis Mangers, Former Assemblymember
- Mary Hayashi, Former Assemblymember
- Jim Gonzales, Former SF Board of Supervisors
- Bill Wong, political consultant

Previously Weitzman rolled out the following endorsements:

- California Young Democrats
  - U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass
  - U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
  - State Senate President Pro-Tem Kevin de León
  - State Controller Betty Yee
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- Senator Ricardo Lara
  - Senator Steven Bradford
  - Senator Bill Dodd
  - Senator Bob Wieckowski
  - Senator and past Assembly Speaker Robert M. Hertzberg
  - Senator Richard Pan, MD
  - Senator Isadore Hall (Ret.)
  - Sacramento Mayor-elect and past State Senate President Pro-Tem  
Darrell Steinberg
  - California Democratic Party First Vice Chair Alex Rooker
  - Los Angeles Mayor and past State Assembly Speaker Antonio  
Villaraigosa (Ret.)
  - Assemblymember Member Jim Cooper
  - Assemblymember Mike Gatto (Ret.)
  - Assemblymember Miguel Santiago
  - Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes
  - Assemblymember Kevin Mullin
  - Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez
  - Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra
  - Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi
  - Assemblymember Marc Levine
  - Assembly Majority Leader Dario Frommer (Ret.)
  - Tal Finney, Former, CDP Controller
  - Darren Parker, CDP African American Caucus, Chair
  - Evan Minton, CDP LGBT Caucus Co-Chair,
  - Nikki Linnerman, CDP Legislation Committee Co-Chair
  - Ray Cordova, CDP, Resolutions Committee Co-Chair
  - Kathy Bowler, CDP, Rules Committee Co-Chair
  - Paula Treat, CDP Finance Committee
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- Debra Broner, CDP Regional Director, RD 10
  - Karen Wingard, CDP Regional Director, RD 11
  - Miguel Martinez, CDP Regional Director, RD 14
  - Sergio Carrillo, CDP Regional Director, RD 16
  - Owen Jackman, Past CDP Regional Director, RD 3
  - Tina McKinnor, Past CDP Regional Director, RD 14
  - Maliha Noamani, CDP, Finance Committee
  - Michael Kapp, Elected Member, DNC-CA
  - Steven K. Alari, Elected Member, DNC-CA
  - Melahat Rafiei, Elected Member, DNC-CA
  - Aleita Huguenin, Elected Member, DNC-CA
  - Keith Umemoto, Elected Member, DNC-CA
  - Bob Mulholland, Elected Member, DNC-CA
  - Rick Jacobs, Former Deputy Mayor, Mayor Eric Garcetti
  - Charu Khopkar, Director, Speakers Office of Member Services
  - David Pruitt, Finance Director, Assembly Democrats
  - Julie Mahoney, Past Deputy Finance Director, Assembly Democrats
  - Stephanie Smith, Western Finance Director, Hillary for America
  - Kelly Rivas, Campaign Manager, Steinberg for Mayor 2016
  - Georgette Voight, Volunteer, Steinberg for Mayor
  - Willie Pelote, Business Manager-Emeritus, AFSCME
  - Sam Rodriguez, Director of Leg., UFCW Western State Council
  - Nick Hardeman, Chief of Staff, Senator Toni Atkins
  - Djibril Diop, CA Faculty Association
  - Fabrizio Sasso, Exec. Director, Sacramento Central Labor Council
  - Cesar Diaz, Legislative and Political Director, State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO
  - Dustin Corcoran, Chief Executive Officer of CA Medical Association
  - Janus Norman, Vice President of CA Medical Association
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- Celinda Vazquez, Vice President, Los Angeles Planned Parenthood
  - Nora Vargas, Vice President, San Diego Planned Parenthood
  - Jeffery Freitas, Secretary Treasurer, California Federation of Teachers
  - Kristen Faust, BBG Consulting
  - Eddie Kirby, President CA Young Democrats
  - Sacramento County Young Democrats (SCYD)
  - Mikey Hothi, President, Sac County Young Democrats
  - Xochitl Medrano, President CA College Democrats
  - Courtney Baxter, CYD, VP of Finance
  - Jenny Bach, CYD, Parliamentarian
  - John Vigna, Former President, CYD
  - Crystal Straight, Former CYD and Young Democrats of America President
  - Jann Dorothy, President Stonewall Democratic Club -Sacramento
  - Mary McCune, President, Fem Dems of Sacramento
  - Caity Maple, VP, Fem Dems of Sacramento
  - Valeria Hernandez, Communications Director, Fem Dems of Sacramento
  - Amanda Levy, Former President, Sac County Young Democrats
  - Tristan Brown, Sac County Young Democrats
  - Robbie Abelon, Sac County Young Democrats
  - Mark Gonzalez, Vice-Chair, LA County Dem Party
  - Cecilia Escamilla Greenwald, Yolo County Dem party
  - Robert Schelen, Chair, Yolo County Dem Party
  - Leeor Alpern, Democrats for Israel
  - Sam Cohen
  - Steve Veres
  - Paul Song, MD
  - Derek Humphrey
  - Joe Cislowski
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- Ron Springarn
  - Tom Kaptain
  - Randi Weitzman
  - Kelli Medina Maruccia
  - Raj Dhillon
  - Ashley Johnson
  - Steve Nissen
  - Howard Welinsky
  - Jose Cornejo
  - David Vela
  - Josh Walters
  - Stacey Brenner
  - Darrin Walsh
  - Irving Reifman
  - Minea Gracia
  - Fielding Greaves
  - Laura Fink
  - Victor Griego
  - Veronica Perez
  - Robert Longer
  - Courtney Ross-Tait
  - Maggie Krell
  - McClina Woods
  - Paula Treat
  - Paul Bauer
  - Gavin McHugh
  - Adam Keigwin
  - Ruth Gottlieb
  - Anita Narayana
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- Chris Duarte
- Cory Black
- Michael Cheng
- Jennie Carreón de Lacey
- Joshua Englander
- Stephen J. Kaufman
- Elaine Shamir
- Jim Wisley
- Vince Hall
- Jorge Nunez
- John Hanna
- Jason Kinney
- Aref Aziz
- Cory Black
- Jackie Koenig
- Jodi Hicks
- Claire Conlon
- James Deboo
- Glenda Corcoran
- Paul Mitchell
- Katie Kerner

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