

# **Gaines Scores Clean Sweep in Race for BOE**

## *Lead in Slates, Endorsements, Fundraising Solidifies Campaign's Momentum*

SACRAMENTO, CA – Senator Ted Gaines' campaign for the State Board of Equalization (BOE) has jumped out to a large lead in the key areas of fundraising, endorsements and slate mailers. Senator Gaines is running for the BOE District 1 seat, which is currently represented by George Runner. Runner is leaving the Board in 2018 due to term limits and has endorsed Gaines for his seat.

Senator Gaines' fundraising advantage is a clear sign of a strong, well organized, winning campaign. As of the latest campaign finance reporting deadlines, Gaines' combined campaign is leading in cash on hand and total amount raised. In 2016, Senator Gaines raised \$243,627.97. That figure is over \$100,000 more than any other candidate with an open BOE District 1 committee. Gaines also posted an impressive cash on hand figure of \$178,949.96, nearly \$111,000 more than any potential opponent.

"Our strong fundraising lead will be key to victory. My campaign has locked down the major slates, which will allow me to contact millions and millions of targeted high propensity voters in the expansive BOE district. This is a huge advantage for me in the 2018 race for BOE," proclaimed Senator Gaines.

As of this week, Gaines has paid over \$175,000 in cash deposits to reserve some of the most strategic targeted slates in BOE campaigns, including the Budget Watchdogs, California Voter Guide, Cal Seniors Voter Guide, National Tax Limitation Committee Newsletter, Save Proposition 13, Small Business Action Committee Voter Guide, Women's Voice, California Public Safety Voter Guide, and Republican Leadership Voter Guides. In a Board of Equalization race, this lead in slate mailers is a major advantage.

Adding to Gaines' campaign momentum is his lead in securing pivotal endorsements. Gaines recently announced the endorsement of both Republican members of the BOE and popular Republican Congressman Tom McClintock.

"I am honored to have the endorsements of George Runner, Diane Harkey and Tom McClintock," said Senator Gaines. "The support of the Republican members of the Board and Congressman McClintock is a major boost for my campaign. I look forward to continuing to work hard for taxpayers across the state as I campaign for this important position."

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