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California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton Announces Support for Keith Ellison for DNC Chair

California Democratic Chairman John Burton today announced his endorsement of Congressmember Keith Ellison for Chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Under Chairman Burton's leadership, Democrats won back the governorship in 2010, swept every statewide elected office, gained seats in the nation's largest Democratic congressional delegation, built strong majorities in the Legislature, and extended Democrats' voter lead over Republicans to a historic high of 19 points.

Chairman Burton previously served as President pro Tempore of the California Senate, member of the California Assembly, and U.S. Representative.

"I am supporting Keith Ellison for DNC chair because he is committed full time to organizing field efforts in key states, and I agree with him that Democrats must do a better job to motivate voters across the nation, including championing working families and their issues.

"Keith knows that elections aren't won in Washington, D.C. He understands the investment and support state parties need and will help foster a strong bench of

candidates, effective field operations and open communication between the National Democratic Party and every state, especially those that need it the most.

"And over the last few months, I've received overwhelming feedback from activist Democrats across California who back Keith. People like to refer to California as a blue state, but it was just over 6 years ago we fought to successfully take back the Governorship from a Republican, and I credit our successes to a re-energized state party that supports its grassroots volunteers and promotes candidates who reflect California's values. Keith Ellison's commitment to organizing gives me hope we'll see similar results across the nation."

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