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OAKLAND MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF ENDORSES DAN KALB FOR ASSEMBLY

(Oakland) – Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf weighed in on the open seat race for Assembly District 15 today by giving her wholehearted endorsement to second-term Oakland City Councilmember Dan Kalb.

“I have worked closely with Councilmember Kalb over the last four and-a-half years as Mayor of Oakland and as a Councilmember, and I’ve been impressed by the leadership, vision and dedication he brings to City Hall every day,” said Mayor Schaaf. “Dan will bring a strong progressive voice to Sacramento to fight for social justice, affordable housing, improvements in educational outcomes, and saving our planet from the ravages of climate change. I have complete confidence in Dan’s understanding of the issues and his ability to get things done. We need Dan Kalb in Sacramento fighting for Oakland, the East Bay and all of California.”

“I have been honored to work alongside Mayor Schaaf to make progress tackling Oakland’s toughest challenges,” said City Councilmember Dan Kalb. “Together, we have made headway on advancing solutions to our city’s biggest problems, and I am deeply honored to earn her endorsement in my campaign for State Assembly.”

In the race for Assembly, even though his fundraising efforts began very recently in mid-May, Kalb has demonstrated widespread community support by raising \$71,570 by the June 30 deadline.

A graduate of U.C. Berkeley, Dan Kalb is known as a hard-working and committed public servant and community advocate who has dedicated his professional life to environmental and social justice issues.

Kalb and Mayor Schaaf have worked together on proactive and effective legislation, including laws to promote affordable housing, reduce gun violence, and ban coal in Oakland. Kalb also created an innovative partnership to reduce absenteeism in public schools.

Prior to his election to the City Council, Dan served as California Policy Director for the Union of Concerned Scientists and as a Chapter Director for the Sierra Club.

Dan’s lifelong passion for environmental protection and clean energy began in high school and grew at U.C. Berkeley, where he received a B.S. degree in Conservation of Natural Resources. Dan also earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

Dan also serves as the City’s official representative on the StopWaste (Alameda County’s Recycling and Waste Authority) board of directors and the Alameda County Transportation Commission. He serves as Oakland’s representative to the League of California Cities board of directors, and is now serving as the Vice-Chair of the newly created East Bay Community Energy authority.



In the State Assembly, Dan will use his extensive policy expertise and background in the local community to tackle critical problems facing the East Bay's 15th District and our entire state. He is committed to promoting effective, data-driven solutions to the tough problems facing our communities, including combating climate change, investing in education and rehabilitation, and resolving the Bay Area's housing crisis. With his public interest background in environmental and social justice, Dan will be a strong voice for the people of the 15th District in Sacramento.

Assembly District 15 includes portions of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, including Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Hercules, Kensington, Oakland (portions), Piedmont, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo. It is currently represented by Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, who is not seeking re-election (and is running for State Supt. of Public Instruction).

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