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Eleni Kounalakis Campaign for Lieutenant Governor Hires Kate Maeder as
Campaign Manager

Maeder has worked throughout her career to elect women to higher office.

San Francisco, CA - Eleni Kounalakis, Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor, announced that Kate Maeder has joined her team as campaign Manager.

“I am so proud to have Kate Maeder as my campaign manager for my race for Lieutenant Governor,” said Kounalakis. “Kate has helped win campaigns up and down the state. She is the perfect person to lead my campaign to be the first woman elected as Lieutenant Governor in California.”

Maeder is a California-based political strategist and media consultant who has worked in Democratic politics for nearly ten years. She has dedicated her career to elect women to higher office. Currently she helps train women **candidates for Emerge California ad chairs the annual EMILY’s List event** designed to engage millennial women.

“I am so excited to work with Eleni because she knows that now more than ever California must lead the way into the future,” said Kate Maeder. “She knows

that the values that underpin our state are what make us the economic engine **of the country.**”

"As an advocate for women in government, this campaign means more to me than just her race for Lieutenant Governor. It's about uniting women and others in every corner of the state - and supporting female candidates all the way down the ballot. Eleni will be the first elected female Lieutenant Governor, and as a glass ceiling race, this campaign will help pave the way for more women to run, get involved in politics and to make their voices heard."

Kounalakis is a business woman and diplomat. She was appointed by President Barack Obama as Ambassador to Hungary in 2010. She is a life-long Democrat and five-time delegate to the Democratic National Convention and worked as an advocate for early childhood education as a member of California's First 5 Commission, and the Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism.

She was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to lead the California International Trade and Investment Advisory Council and served as a member of the San Francisco Port Commission. Prior to serving our country in the diplomatic corps, she was president of AKT Development Corporation in Sacramento, where she grew up. She is a graduate of the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business and Dartmouth College. She and her husband, Markos, live in San Francisco where they are raising their two teenage sons.

She has received endorsements from U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs, Representatives Anna Eshoo, Doris Matsui, and Mike Thompson, former State Senator Mark Leno, and Sacramento Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, among others.

For more information on Eleni Kounalakis for Lt. Governor, please visit www.EleniForCA.com.

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