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## HARLEY ROUDA SMASHES \$500,000 FUNDRAISING THRESHOLD

## Democratic Businessman Solidifies Status as Frontrunner in CA-48 Race Against Incumbent Congressman Dana Rohrabacher

**LAGUNA BEACH, CA** -- Maintaining his edge in the race to represent California's 48th Congressional District seat, today Democratic businessman Harley Rouda's campaign announced that it had surpassed \$500,000 raised in the race to unseat Republican Congressman, Dana Rohrabacher.

Today's news comes just under a month before the nearest fundraising deadline for quarter three set for September 30th. It also underscores Rouda's commitment and continued fundraising dominance in the race along with his ability to compete with Rohrabacher on the cash-raising front. After topping the half-a-million dollars raised milestone, Rouda stated:

"Our people-powered campaign is accelerating by the day. Activists, concerned neighborhood leaders and local families are thirsting for real progress and a massive transformation in Washington. Today's news represents yet another illustration of the widespread momentum we're building and the fact that our change message is resonating, on the ground, and in every corner of the 48th District."

Just recently Rouda made international waves after receiving threats from Wikileaks Founder Julian Assange, which followed a dynamite-infused <u>Washington Post</u> story titled, "Political opponent wants FBI to investigate Rohrabacher in wake of Assange meeting." The story stems from Democrat Rouda's request for America's top domestic law enforcement agency to look into Congressman Dana Rohrabacher's recent meeting with Assange, and to explore the possibility of any collusion with the Russians regarding the

2016 election.

Also, in recent weeks, Rouda picked up the potent endorsement of Dan Jacobson\*, Chair of the Democratic Foundation, who wrote the following to Rouda: "Dear Harley, I write to strongly endorse your run for Congress in California's 48th District. Your intelligence, toughness, and compassion will make you an excellent Congressman; and, your good heart makes me proud to endorse you."

So far Rouda has released two digital video ads, including a <a href="https://hard-hitting.nicleo.html">hard-hitting.nicleo.html</a>, where he slams incumbent Dana Rohrabacher for backing Trumpcare, also known as the House GOP's American Health Care Act (AHCA).

Click on the screen shot below to view the ad:

To view Rouda's first digital video ad, "Clean House," please click on the screen shot below:

Harley Rouda is running to bring much needed common sense solutions, fiscal responsibility, and pragmatic progressivism to the 48th district and our country. Harley has assembled a diverse coalition of support, including 500+ grassroots volunteers, 50+ precinct captains, working families, community activists and more. As of the last fundraising report, he had out-raised all other 7 challengers in the race combined.

Harley Rouda is a successful businessman and attorney who has built and managed some of the largest real estate firms in the U.S. Active in numerous charities and civic organizations over the years, he's been involved in fighting homelessness and domestic violence; active with Human Rights Watch; supporting education for the disadvantaged as well as supporting access to higher education; saving military jobs; and working with civic organizations to drive economic development. Harley lives in Laguna Beach with his wife; Kaira, and their four kids.

For more information, please visit www.HarleyforCongress.com.

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