



Democrat  
**JUDY APPEL**  
for **STATE ASSEMBLY**



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### **State Senator Connie Leyva Endorses Judy Appel for State Assembly**

October 3, 2017 – State Senator Connie M. Leyva has endorsed Judy Appel in her campaign for the 15th Assembly District, calling Appel “the most qualified person in the race.”

A longtime labor leader, champion for working families and Vice Chair of the California Legislative Women’s Caucus, Leyva commended Appel’s deep roots in the district and history of working hard for California families. “Judy has the experience, heart and commitment to continue working hard for women, families and communities in our state. I look forward to working with her in the Legislature.”

Appel has been an advocate for her community and throughout the state of California for more than thirty years. “Ensuring the safety, security and rights of every Californian has been my driving force for decades,” Appel said. “It’s been Senator Leyva’s as well. Having her support is humbling and inspiring. Our community deserves the kind of strong, principled leadership she demonstrates every day in Sacramento. I look forward to serving alongside her to deliver that brand of leadership on the issues that matter most, including public education, criminal justice reform and a fair shot for working people.”

Appel’s decades-long experience of grassroots and legislative advocacy make her the candidate best able to represent AD-15 in Sacramento. As an attorney with the Coalition on Homelessness, she fought for dignity for those among us living in poverty. In 1995, when the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights opened its doors, Appel was a member of its first Board of Directors, working for criminal justice reform and fairness in our courts. For a decade, Appel served as the Executive Director Our Family Coalition, where she worked to improve the equity and inclusion of LGBTQ families. Today, Judy is a Trustee with the Berkeley Unified School District, where she works to end the

school-to-prison pipeline and close the achievement gap, so all students have an equal opportunity to succeed.

Appel and her wife, Alison, a criminal defense attorney, live in Berkeley and have two children, Kobi, a sophomore at Sarah Lawrence College, and Tris, a junior at Berkeley High School.

**To learn more about Judy, visit [www.JudyAppel.com](http://www.JudyAppel.com).**

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