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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER

ENDORSES THORBURN FOR CA-39

Actor and Environmentalist Ed Begley Jr. Backs Former Classroom Teacher Andy Thorburn for Congress

ORANGE COUNTY, CA -- Today, Andy Thorburn, a former classroom teacher, workers' rights advocate and Democratic businessman, landed a major endorsement from actor and nationally respected environmental leader, Ed Begley, Jr. The endorsement signifies Thorburn's increasing momentum as he seeks to represent California's 39th Congressional District seat.

In making his endorsement public, Ed Begley, Jr. released the following statement:

"We need more environmental champions in Washington. That's why I'm proud to endorse Andy Thorburn for Congress. He understands the severe threat that climate change poses to our planet, and the dire need for Washington to step up to the plate by addressing this major issue head-on. I'm confident that in Congress, Andy will work to enact a forward-thinking and progressive agenda that combats pollution, ends America's dependence on fossil fuels, protects our environment and prioritizes clean energy technologies and production."

Ed Begley, Jr. has appeared in hundreds of television shows and films. He has been nominated for several Emmy Awards and Golden Globe Awards, and has been lauded for his environmental activism, which stems from his expansive environmental affiliations and efforts, to his green lifestyle, as well as even hosting a green living reality show, titled Living with Ed.

Weeks ago Thorburn's campaign for California's 39th Congressional District announced that it reported a whopping \$2,142,000 for its war chest for the September 30, 2017 deadline. The Democrat got into the race August 1, 2017 and began fundraising in September, thus the sum was raised even after he had a late start to the third quarterly fundraising period. Thorburn maintains nearly \$2 million cash on hand. Thorburn's impressive figure stems from over 400 individual contributions, with a median contribution of \$15, as well as a personal donation he made to the campaign.

In addition to today's endorsement, Thorburn has raked-in endorsements from California State Assemblyman and former Secretary of the California Democratic Party, Reggie Jones-Sawyer, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 36 and the United Steelworkers of Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Thorburn recently released a digital video ad, "Silent Ed," focused on Thorburn's support for impeaching Donald Trump from the Presidency. To view the video ad, "Silent Ed," which will run online across the 39th District, click on the screen shot below or <u>here.</u>

Since the inception of his campaign, Thorburn has released a slew of digital video ads and has hired top-notch strategists to help lead his campaign.

In launching his campaign, Thorburn released a digital video ad, titled "<u>Cell</u> <u>Doors</u>," that highlights his background as a classroom teacher and workers rights advocate, including his time in jail for helping to lead a movement and a strike that ultimately led to better wages and fair treatment for workers.



To <u>watch "Cell Doors" click here</u> or on the screen shot below:

Thorburn's ad, "Overhaul," was recently spotlighted by the Washington Post.

To watch "<u>Overhaul</u>," click on the screen shot below.

To view, "<u>Inclusive Society</u>," click on the screen shot below:

To view Thorburn's video, <u>"In the Ground</u>," click on the screen shot below: Andy Thorburn is a Democrat, a former classroom teacher, an advocate for working people, a businessman, and a nonprofit founder. He has worked as an educator, union organizer, and entrepreneur, and at each phase in his life, he has prioritized the principle that any organization - a country or a company gets the best results if it treats its people fairly, with dignity, and holds itself to a standard of excellence.

Thorburn has been married to his wife Karen, for 36 years, and they have two children together, both of which they adopted as infants. Andy and Karen live in Orange County, where they have lived for the past 18 years.

For more information please visit: <u>www.ThorburnForCongress.com</u>.

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