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## **KEY STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY ORG PICKS SEN. HERNANDEZ FOR LT. GOV**

California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Joins Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), Other Public Safety Groups in Endorsing Senator Hernandez for California Lieutenant Governor **LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA** -- Continuing to secure widespread support from public safety organizations as he campaigns to be California's next Lieutenant Governor, today State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez earned a major endorsement from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA).

With 7,000 members, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association represents public safety officials in 180 different job classifications. Their affiliates, who also are endorsing Senator Hernandez' Lt. Governor bid, include:

- Association of Special Agents-Department of Justice
- California Association of Law Enforcement Employees
- Association of Deputy Commissioners
- Fire Marshal and Emergency Services Association
- Association of Criminalists for the California Department of Justice
- California Association of Fraud Investigators
- Association of Conservationist Employees
- California Association of Regulatory Investigators and Inspectors
- Association of Motor Carrier Operation Specialists
- California Highway Patrol Public Safety Dispatchers Association
- Association of Motor Vehicle Investigators of California
- California Organization of Licensing Registration Examiners
- California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents
- Hospital Police Association of California
- California Association of Criminal Investigators
- Resource Protection Peace Officers Association
- California Association of Food and Drug Investigators

In making their endorsement public, Alan Barcelona, President of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association released the following statement:

"The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association is proud to endorse Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez for California Lieutenant Governor. Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez has a known, proven track record on public safety and neighborhood security issues, which is why, on behalf of our 7,000 front-line law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection professionals, we have worked with and supported Senator Dr. Hernandez for years. He has been a champion and leads the charge to ensure our peace officers and public safety professionals have the tools and resources they need to keep the state and public safe. We are honored to support his campaign for Lieutenant Governor and ask that you vote for him in the 2018 June Primary and November General Elections."

Responding to news of the endorsement, Senator Hernandez remarked:

"I'm proud to receive this important endorsement from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA). CSLEA represents 7,000 peace officer, public safety and consumer protection personnel, who work tirelessly on the front lines to keep us safe in California. From special agents and investigators to firefighters, dispatchers and those who coordinate emergency response services, this group of public safety professionals is critical to protecting Californians. I am grateful for the support of CSLEA and look forward to continuing to join forces with them to expand public safety and enhance neighborhood security for the people of California."

Previously Senator Hernandez has collected public safety endorsements from:

- Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
- San Jose Police Officers Association
- Sacramento Police Officers Association
- California Reserve Peace Officers Association
- El Monte Police Officers Association

In recent days, Senator Hernandez' campaign has been on a roll, securing a wave of new grassroots support, as well as a series of high-powered endorsements from working families, including the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Locals 13, 63 and 94, along with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California State Council and the California Teachers Association (CTA). Beyond today's news, Senator Hernandez has raked-in endorsements from over 50 labor unions.

Significantly, recently California Governor Jerry Brown signed Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez' groundbreaking drug transparency bill, SB-17, into law. Senator Hernandez' latest digital video ad, titled, "*Life or Death*," features a moving testimonial from Kendall Renee, who is allergic to more than 95% of foods and carries at least four EpiPens with her at all times. Renee highlights Senator Hernandez' efforts to combat skyrocketing drug costs in the ad.

## To view Hernandez' "<u>Life or Death</u>" spot, click on the screen shot below:



Unshaken by big moneyed special interests, Hernandez not only has taken on Big Pharma but also fought Big Tobacco, as the architect of California's landmark law to raise the state's smoking age to 21.

In addition to today's news, as of the June 30, 2017 fundraising deadline, Senator Hernandez had raised over \$2 million for the statewide effort and has locked in far-reaching support across California.

To view Senator Hernandez' "Record of Progress," digital video ad, <u>click here</u> or on the screen shot below.



Several months back, Senator Hernandez released his first digital video, titled "<u>A California Story</u>," which can be viewed by clicking on the screen image below:

Beyond today's announcement, <u>Senator Dr. Hernandez' campaign has released</u> <u>an expansive list of over 500 endorsements</u> from grassroots activists, community leaders, federal, state and local elected officials, public safety groups and over 50 labor unions.

A husband, father, grandfather, practicing optometrist, and local businessman, "Dr. Ed" (as he is known to his patients) has spent his life bringing quality eye care to predominantly low-income communities. As a health care provider, the need to improve access to health care for all Californians is what first drove him to run for office.

Since being elected to the Assembly in 2006 and the Senate in 2010, Dr. Ed Hernandez has been a leader on the implementation of federal health care reform – helping expand access to affordable health care, control costs, and improve the network of providers so people can actually get quality care when they need it. Dr. Ed has been a champion by expanding educational opportunity to qualified students overlooked by our public schools and universities, as well as a major proponent for government reform, including fixing a broken initiative system too often hijacked by billionaires and wealthy corporations. Dr. Ed Hernandez is running to take this experience, leadership, and vision to the next level by serving the people of California as their Lieutenant Governor.

For more information, please visit <u>www.edhernandez4ca.com</u>.

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