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Berkeley Councilwoman Backs Jeff Bleich for Lt. Governor

Oakland, CA — Jeff Bleich received the endorsement of Susan Wengraf, a Berkeley Councilwoman who has served on the city council for nearly a decade. Wengraf's endorsement adds to a growing list of prominent local elected officials backing Jeff for Lt. Governor.

"As Lt. Governor, Jeff will involve our cities and our neighborhoods in crafting statewide solutions to our housing and homelessness crisis, work with us to address the rise in untreated mental health challenges, and bring real experience to restoring our higher education system," said Susan Wengraf, Berkeley Councilwoman. "I'm proud to stand with Jeff for Lt. Governor."

Jeff is a lifelong Democrat, former senior official in President Obama's administration, and a highly respected attorney. He has nearly thirty years of experience uniting people to resolve complex issues. Jeff has led some of the nation's largest educational and legal advocacy institutions, and served the U.S. and California at the highest levels.

After graduating in the top of his class at UC Berkeley Law School in 1989 and clerking for the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Jeff helped build up Munger, Tolles, and Olson, LLP— one the most successful and revered law firms in California. He was elected by his peers to serve as president of both the San Francisco Bar and the California Bar Association, and has consistently been ranked as one the state's top lawyers. Jeff has also received numerous

awards and recognition for his civil rights and pro bono legal work on behalf of children, victims of violence, and California's most vulnerable communities.

Jeff has been a tireless advocate for Californians who have been discriminated against, communities that have been wronged, and families fighting to break into the middle class. He served as Chair of the California State University Board of Trustees as well as chairing the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and other non-profit groups. He currently heads the Fulbright Scholarship Board, which creates scholarship opportunities for students.

Jeff most recently served our nation as a top aide to President Obama, first as Special Counsel to the President in the White House, and then as the U.S. Ambassador to Australia. He continues serving Californians as a public policy and cybersecurity attorney at Dentons, and he is helping to grow our economy and create jobs throughout the state as an adviser to Governor Jerry Brown, and a nationally recognized advocate for education.

Jeff and his wife, Becky continue to work and live in the East Bay after raising their three adult children, Jake, Matt, and Abby.

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