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CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF TEACHERS ENDORSES GAVIN NEWSOM FOR GOVERNOR

CALIFORNIA – This past weekend the California Federation of Teachers formally endorsed Gavin Newsom for Governor of California. In announcing their endorsement, Josh Pechthalt, President of CFT, released the following statement:

"The California Federation of Teachers is proud to endorse Gavin Newsom for Governor of California. As educators, we are deeply impressed by Gavin's proven track record and strong progressive vision for our state and our schools.

"We stand with Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom and his vision to bring more resources and support to our public schools and to defend California's position as a progressive leader on issues like universal access to healthcare, climate change, LGBTQ rights, and immigration.

"In a time of great uncertainty and mounting threats coming from Washington, D.C., we know that Gavin is the right choice to stand with California's students, educators, and the families we serve."

The California Federation of Teachers represents 120,000 faculty and school employees in public and private schools and colleges, from early childhood through higher education. CFT joins other unions including California Teachers Association (CTA), California Nurses Association (CNA), Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA), and National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW) in endorsing Gavin Newsom for Governor.

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