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## JOHN CHIANG EARNS ENDORSEMENT BY LA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL KORETZ

### Fourth Endorsement for Chiang in Just Two Days

LOS ANGELES, CA – John Chiang’s campaign for governor today announced the endorsement of Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz — Chiang’s fourth endorsement in just two days. Koretz represents the City of Los Angeles’s 5<sup>th</sup> District, which includes communities on the Westside, central-eastern Santa Monica Mountains, and central-southern San Fernando Valley.

“John Chiang has always stood up for the people of California, and I’m proud to call him my friend,” said Councilmember Koretz. “He is a true hero for standing up to and stopping Governor Schwarzenegger when he tried to callously balance our state’s finances on the backs of public employees. If it wasn’t for John’s actions, countless workers would have had their paychecks slashed and could have even lost their homes. John’s unparalleled courage makes him the right candidate to stand up to Donald Trump, and I’m proud to give him my wholehearted endorsement.”

**“I thank Councilmember Koretz for his friendship and strong endorsement,” said Chiang. “From his time in the California State Assembly, to his tenure on the Los Angeles City Council, Councilmember Koretz has always fought for our state’s workers. Hard-working families deserve the dignity and respect that comes with a decent paycheck, and that’s why I took on Governor Schwarzenegger and stopped him from slashing state workers’ salaries to minimum wage. As governor, I promise to continue to stand up for California workers against all bullies — whether they’re in the White House, the legislature, or in the private sector. Once again, I thank Councilmember Koretz for his endorsement and adding to our campaign’s grassroots momentum.”**

This is the fourth endorsement for Chiang in just two days — yesterday being endorsed by State Senator Anthony Portantino (SD-25) and the Black Young Democrats of Sacramento, and Wednesday being endorsed by the Democrats for Israel – Los Angeles. The strong grassroots momentum continues to move **in Chiang’s direction as the California Democratic Party convenes in San Diego** for its annual state convention.

As both California state treasurer and formerly as state controller, John Chiang **has consistently fought for California’s workers:**

- During the 2008 budget stalemate, then-Controller Chiang refused to **implement Governor Schwarzenegger’s directive** demanding the salaries of more than 200,000 government employees be cut to the federal minimum wage of \$6.55 an hour, taking the governor to court to protect the pay of our hardworking public servants.
- In 2009, then-Controller Chiang refused to implement Governor **Schwarzenegger’s directive to furlough the state workforce. Chiang was** later vindicated when the California Supreme Court ruled no governor can issue such a furlough order by unilateral fiat.

- As a state elected official and an ex-officio board member of the CalPERS/CalSTRS systems for many years, Chiang has fought to protect the pensions of public employees and prevent reductions in benefits.
- Chiang has been a steadfast supporter of giving state workers the right to meet and confer, and believes workers deserve a voice in any changes to their retirement benefits.

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