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Environmental Leaders Endorse Xavier Becerra for Attorney General

SACRAMENTO – Today, six environmental justice leaders from around California endorsed Xavier Becerra for Attorney General 2018.

Vien Truong, CEO, Dream Corps and Director of Green for All*; **Orson Aguilar**, President, Greenlining Institute*; **Laurel Firestone**, Co-Executive Director, Community Water Center*; **Gladys Limon**, Executive Director, California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA)*; **Luis Olmedo**, Executive Director, Imperial Valley Comite Civico del Valle (CCV)*; and **Penny Newman**, Founder, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAEE)* each personally endorsed Attorney General Xavier Becerra for defending California’s environmental laws and prioritizing environmental justice.

“I support Xavier Becerra because he has taken action to protect the far too many families who suffer from both poverty and pollution,” said Vien Truong, CEO of Dream Corps and Director of Green for All.* “He has not shied away from taking on polluters, but more importantly, he has been proactive in making environmental justice a priority in the Department of Justice. I believe California is in good hands with Xavier Becerra as Attorney General.”

As Attorney General, Becerra has prioritized defending laws that double to protect our environment and public health. He has sued Donald Trump's team [13 times](#) for rolling back or repealing environmental safeguards, has won 8 of those cases, and hasn't lost one case yet. Becerra also established our state's first Bureau of Environmental Justice to take a closer look at who's hurting most in California -- and figure out how to meet their needs.

“I'm humbled to have received the support of many environmental leaders in our state who share the goal of achieving environmental justice in California,” Becerra said. “Every person who calls California home should breathe clean air and drink safe water, but the reality is sometimes harsher. Some of our California communities, particularly low-income communities and communities of color, face the brunt of pollution and with your help, this is a fight we've got to take on in new ways.”

Today’s endorsers join a growing list of endorsements for Xavier Becerra including: the **AFSCME California**; **California Teachers Association**; **Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California**; **California Professional Firefighters**; **Communications Workers of America**; **California State Building and Construction Trades Council**; **California State Pipe Trades Council**; **SEIU California**; **Laborers International Union of North America**; **National Union of Healthcare Workers**; **Equality California**; the **California Statewide Law Enforcement Association**, and the **California School Employees Association** among others.

Xavier Becerra became California’s 33rd Attorney General in January of 2017 when he was nominated by Governor Jerry Brown and confirmed by the California State Legislature. Becerra’s work as California’s chief law enforcement officer follows more than two decades of service representing the people of Los Angeles in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to that, he served as a state assemblyman and California deputy attorney general.

**Endorser titles for identification purposes only*

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