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## **AFSCME California Endorses Xavier Becerra for Attorney General 2018**

SACRAMENTO – **AFSCME California** announced on behalf of its 179,000 members, that it has endorsed Xavier Becerra for California Attorney General 2018.

“Xavier Becerra has proven himself during his long career in public service as an advocate to hard-working Californians in both deeds and action,” said AFSCME California Political and Legislative Director, Brian A. Allison. “He stood with us as a Member of Congress and, as Attorney General, has led efforts to protect California from attempts to weaken workers' rights and protections and has been a champion in protecting the vital public services that California’s taxpayers depend on. He understands just how vital AFSCME members – and all union workers - are to making California happen and we are proud to endorse Xavier Becerra for Attorney General.”

“I am honored to have the endorsement of AFSCME California,” said Attorney General Xavier Becerra. “AFSCME members provide critical public services to Californians each and every day, helping to advance fairness and opportunity in California for hardworking families and communities statewide. I am committed to protecting their rights and the rights of all workers across our great state.”

AFSCME California affiliates are members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, one of the nation’s largest public services employees’ union with more than 1.6 million working and retired members. AFSCME’s members provide the vital services that make America happen. They are nurses, corrections officers, child care providers, EMTs, sanitation workers and more. With members in hundreds of different occupations, AFSCME advocates for fairness in the workplace, excellence in public services and prosperity and opportunity for all working families.

AFSCME California affiliates include AFSCME Council 36; AFSCME Council 57; Employees Association of the Metropolitan Water District, Local 1902; Management and Professional Employees Association of the Metropolitan Water District, Local 1001; the United Nurses Associations of California/Union of Health Care Professionals (UNAC/UHCP); United Domestic Workers of America, Local 3930; United EMS Workers, Local 4911; Union of American Physicians and Dentists, Local 206; University of California Employees, Local 3299; and Public Employees Union, Local 1.

AFSCME California joins a growing list of endorsements for Xavier Becerra including: the **California Teachers Association**; **Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California**; **California Professional Firefighters**; **California State Building and Construction Trades Council**; **California State Pipe Trades Council**; **SEIU California**; **Laborers International Union of North America**; **Equality California**; and the **California Statewide Law Enforcement 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.

*Becerra for Attorney General 2018 ~ FPPC# 1394091*

