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JOHN CHIANG EARNS STRONG SECOND PLACE
SHOWING IN CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
GUBERNATORIAL ENDORSEMENT

*Chiang Blocks Chronic Gubernatorial Candidate Gavin Newsom from
Earning Endorsement He's Sought for Nearly a Decade*

Political Observers Impressed by Chiang's Strong Performance

LOS ANGELES, CA – John Chiang emerged with an incredibly strong second-place showing — capturing 30% of the vote — and blocking a party endorsement of any candidate in the race, after delegates cast their votes this evening for the **official California Democratic Party's (CDP) gubernatorial endorsement** at the state convention in San Diego. The final vote tally found the **CDP would cast "No Consensus" in the 2018 gubernatorial endorsement. Just** as importantly, chronic gubernatorial candidate **Gavin Newsom couldn't muster** the support needed to secure the endorsement despite campaigning for the job for nearly a decade.

"I'm proud of the energy and hard-work our campaign showcased this weekend, and our ability to clearly make this a two-person **race come June,"** said Chiang. **"Not only did we outperform two of the other candidates'**

combined, but we showed that we are the campaign with the momentum and the grassroots enthusiasm for California Democrats across this state. I want to thank our volunteers, supporters, and delegates who outorganized every other campaign by securing this victory tonight, and blocking an endorsement of any **individual candidate. Tonight's great news, coupled with eight endorsements** from elected officials and organizations throughout California in the past three days, is just a preview of the months to come as we shift focus to contacting voters across California. Thanks to all the support this weekend, I am confident that our campaign will have the votes to carry us past June and to victory in **November."**

Chiang received 826 votes today — of the total 2791 delegate votes available — following only the underperformance by Newsom. Chiang also received more votes than both Antonio Villaraigosa and Delaine Eastin combined.

Additionally, the "No Consensus" endorsement was solely the result of Chiang's well-organized campaign, which outperformed and outorganized Newsom, Eastin, and especially Villaraigosa — who not only embarrassingly floundered, but even fell less than the low-expectations his campaign set in anticipation of **the weekend. While political observers remain impressed by tonight's results,** they prove what so many across California already know: that when voters get to know Chiang and learn about his proven record of results fighting for Californians, they support his campaign for governor.

Over the last three days, leading up to the convention vote today, Chiang received eight endorsements from elected officials and organizations across California, including Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (CA-38), Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin, Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD-5), San Diego City Councilmember Georgette Gómez (CD-9), State Senator

Anthony Portantino (SD-25), former San Diego Democratic Party Chair
Francine Busby, the Black Young Democrats of Sacramento, and the
Democrats for Israel – Los Angeles.

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