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JOHN CHIANG ENDORSED BY FORMER SAN DIEGO DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR FRANCINE BUSBY

Seventh Endorsement for Chiang in the Past Three Days

LOS ANGELES, CA – John Chiang's campaign for governor today announced the endorsement of former Chair of the San Diego County Democratic Party Francine Busby. Busby is also the former executive director of Run Women Run and has worked with Emily's List, the California List, California Women Lead, National Organization for Women, National Women's Political Caucus, Emerge, Planned Parenthood, Girls Scouts, League of Women Voters and other organizations that foster women in leadership.

"I'm proud to endorse John Chiang for governor because he has the proven track record of accomplishments delivering for San Diego and the rest of California," said Busby. "As the former chair of the San Diego County Democratic Party, an activist in our party, and an advocate for women and families, I know John is the candidate who will fight to support a progressive vision that invests in California's important priorities, like affordable housing, public education, and healthcare. And only John has put forward a plan to ensure no woman has to say 'Me Too' ever again. I have no doubt John is the

strongest advocate for California's women, children, and families, and I trust him to get the job done."

"I want to thank Francine Busby for her tireless advocacy on behalf of women and for being a champion of progressive values her entire career," said Chiang. "She has fought to ensure women have a seat at the table, and I'm proud to join her in that fight. I promise to continue to push for more women to be put in positions of leadership, for equal pay, for reproductive health rights, and to end sexual harassment in our state government and across California. I thank Francine for trusting my progressive vision for California and for lending her support to our campaign."

Francine Busby's endorsement is the seventh in just the past three days, as she joins Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (CA-38), San Diego City Councilmember Georgette Goméz (9th District), Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD-5), State Senator Anthony Portantino (SD-25), the Black Young Democrats of Sacramento, and the Democrats for Israel – Los Angeles in support of Chiang's campaign for governor.

John Chiang has been fighting for California women and families over his entire career:

- Before serving as an elected official, Chiang served on the board of Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles for 12 years, where he fought to protect vital reproductive health services for women and their right to choose.
- Chiang is the only candidate for governor to put forward a <u>plan</u> to prevent sexual harassment and abuse in Sacramento and throughout state government.

- Chiang came up with the idea of giving \$20 million in 'lifeline grants' to California's 1,200 community health clinics, ensuring women and families could receive access to preventative health services and other vital health needs.
- Chiang's "30 and 30" plan calls on all corporations doing business with CalPERS and CalSTRS to have a diverse board comprised of at least 30 percent women and 30 percent people of color.
- 75 percent of the senior leadership in Treasurer Chiang's office is comprised of either women or individuals of color.

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