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Eleni Kounalakis Outraises all Lt. Governor Candidates in 2017
Kounalakis starts the year with the most cash on hand and strong momentum
for the June primary

San Francisco, CA — Eleni Kounalakis, who announced her candidacy in April 2017, has raised over \$2.4 million for her campaign for Lt. Governor and starts 2018 with \$1.9 million cash on hand, more than any other candidate in the race.

“I am grateful for the support that so many people have shown for this campaign. I have traveled to all 58 counties listening to what is on the minds of voters. In these challenging times, we need someone who will stand up for California’s values of diversity, tolerance, and inclusion. As Lt. Governor, I will lead the way for a better, stronger California by fighting for universal healthcare, affordable college, good paying jobs, equality for all and for an economy that works for everyone.”

In addition to raising \$1.6 million through 1,554 contributions in 2017, Kounalakis contributed \$500,000 of her own money before the June 30th filing deadline and \$250,000 before the December 31st deadline, bringing her total raised to \$2.4 million for 2017.

As a first time candidate, Kounalakis hit the ground running after beginning her campaign in April of 2017. She is the only candidate in the race to visit all 58 counties. Kounalakis spent the summer and fall traveling across the state, meeting with Democratic central committees, clubs, and activists, and community leaders. She has received support from hundreds of delegates to the CDP convention and has built a base of grassroots support that will help her advance to the general election and win in November.

Kounalakis has received endorsements from a growing list of prominent Democratic elected officials and organizations, like U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, the California Federation of Teachers, EMILY's List, Equality California, California State University Employees Union SEIU 2579, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs, Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts Jr., Representatives Nanette Barragan, Anna Eshoo, Zoe Lofgren, Doris Matsui, Jerry McNerney, Jimmy Panetta, Eric Swalwell, and Mike Thompson, former State Senator Mark Leno, Assembly members Blanca Rubio and Kevin McCarty, CA Women's List, and the Fresno, Marin, San Fernando Valley and Ventura County Young Democrats.

Kounalakis is the only viable Democratic woman in the race for Lt. Governor. Her unique blend of experience as a successful business woman and job creator and government experience as a U.S. Ambassador has resulted in Kounalakis vaulting to the front of the field for the Top Two primary.

Kounalakis is a business woman and diplomat. She was appointed by President Barack Obama as Ambassador to Hungary in 2010. She is a life-long Democrat and five-time delegate to the Democratic National Convention and

worked as an advocate for early childhood education as a member of California's First 5 Commission and the Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism.

She was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to lead the California International Trade and Investment Advisory Council and served as a member of the San Francisco Port Commission. Prior to serving our country in the diplomatic corps, she was president of AKT Development Corporation in Sacramento, where she helped deliver tens of thousands of affordable homes for middle-class families. Kounalakis was born and raised in Sacramento and is a graduate of the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business and Dartmouth College. She and her husband, Markos, live in San Francisco where they are raising their two teenage sons.

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