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Trailblazer Candidate Andreas Borgeas Elevated to 'Pathfinder' Status

Fresno County Supervisor Earns Campaign Distinction

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - California Trailblazers, the state's only program successfully recruiting, training and electing the next generation of Republican legislative leaders, today announced Andreas Borgeas (SD-8) has achieved 'Pathfinder' status, the first level in the program's three-tier structure.

Borgeas serves on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, representing the cities of Clovis and Fresno. With years working in the Central Valley, including time as a judicial law clerk to former Federal Judge Oliver Wanger, Borgeas has extensive experience on important regional issues.

"Andreas Borgeas is one of the most promising and impressive candidates running this cycle," said Jessica Patterson, CEO of California Trailblazers. "As an authority on international security, the California Senate will greatly benefit from Supervisor Borgeas' expertise and passion for policy."

Borgeas is currently serving in his second term on the Board of Supervisors, winning reelection overwhelmingly in 2016. Before being elected at the county level, Borgeas served a term on the Fresno City Council, where he won his election after knocking on every single door in the district. In addition to being an elected official, Borgeas is a professor of international security law at the San Joaquin College of Law, where his students benefit from his experience as a Fulbright Scholar and policy specialist fellow at the U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan. Borgeas is a member of the bar in both California and Washington, D.C.

Borgeas has exceeded the Trailblazer program benchmarks to earn 'Pathfinder' status, including raising more than \$100,000 without personal loans, identifying local volunteers and precinct captains and establishing a website and social media presence. Additionally, Borgeas achieved 'Pathfinder' having attended every candidate training to learn to how to run a winning campaign. These elements ensure candidates are effectively prepared for the campaign trail and ready to lead once elected.

"The number one issue facing Central Valley voters is whether they have enough water to support their families and businesses," Patterson said. "As Sacramento continues to ignore the will of the voters, Supervisor Borgeas will be a tireless advocate to ensure his constituents' voices are heard."

Throughout 2018, California Trailblazers will continue to provide ongoing support to Republican legislative candidates. Candidates who seek to enter the second tier of the Trailblazers program - 'Rising Star' status - must raise more than \$250,000 in campaign contributions, have created strong

media, fundraising, coalition and finance plans, identified a campaign manager and participated in Trailblazers trainings to learn fundamental and sophisticated campaign strategies and tactics.

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