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# **HERNANDEZ CONTINUES TO AMASS SUPPORT FROM WORKING PEOPLE**

*UC-AFT is Latest Labor Union Backing Ed Hernandez in Statewide  
Campaign*

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA** -- On the heels of winning a powerhouse endorsement from the influential California Federation of Labor, today State Senator Ed Hernandez was backed by the University Council-American Federation of Teachers (UC-AFT) in his bid for California Lieutenant Governor.

UC-AFT is the representative of the more than 3,000 non-senate faculty and several hundred professional librarians who are employed at all ten campuses of the University of California.

In a statement released following the endorsement, UC-AFT Vice President for Legislation Axel Borg remarked:

“Throughout his career in public service, Senator Ed Hernandez has been a leader in California, fighting to improve our education system. Time and time again, Dr. Ed has stood in solidarity with UC students and non-senate faculty, including lecturers and librarians, and we know he’ll continue to be a bold force as California’s next Lieutenant Governor, fighting for more higher education funding. We know we can count on Dr. Ed to advance a pro-worker, pro-public higher education agenda, and we're excited to support his campaign.”

In February, Senator Hernandez was the top vote getter among delegates at the California Democratic Party convention. With 1,157 votes cast in his favor at the California Democratic Party convention, Senator Hernandez received more delegate votes than any candidate running for Governor of California, where the top vote getter earned 1,087 votes, as well as more votes than California's incumbent U.S. Senator, who received 1,023. Senator Hernandez triumphed at convention despite not surpassing the high 60% vote threshold required to win the endorsement.

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Recently, State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez rolled out a new digital video ad, titled "Proven Progressive," in his campaign for California Lieutenant Governor. The ad highlights some of the Senator's high-powered endorsements, including from the California Nurses Association and the California Teachers Association, along with his 100% legislative voting scorecard from organizations like the [California Labor Federation](#)\* and [Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California](#) Advocates\*.

To view Senator Hernandez' video ad, "Proven Progressive," click on the screen below [or here](#).



Significantly, recently California Governor Jerry Brown signed Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez' groundbreaking drug transparency bill, SB-17, into law. Senator Hernandez' latest digital video ad, titled, "[Life or Death](#)," features a moving testimonial from Kendall Renee, who is allergic to more than 95% of foods and

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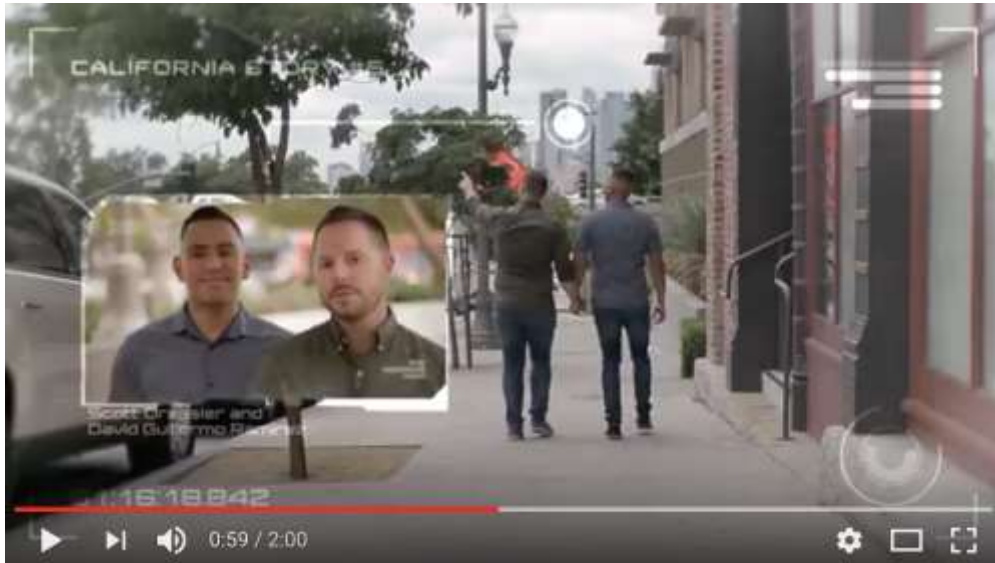
carries at least four EpiPens with her at all times. Renee highlights Senator Hernandez' efforts to combat skyrocketing drug costs in the ad.

**To view Hernandez' "[Life or Death](#)" spot, click on the screen shot below:**



**To view Senator Hernandez' "Record of Progress," digital video ad, [click here](#) or on the screen shot below.**

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***To view Senator Hernandez first digital video, titled "[A California Story](#)," click on the screen image below:***

A husband, father, grandfather, practicing optometrist, and local businessman, “Dr. Ed” (as he is known to his patients) has spent his life bringing quality eye care to predominantly low-income communities. As a health care provider, the need to improve access to health care for all Californians is what first drove him to run for office.

Since being elected to the Assembly in 2006 and the Senate in 2010, Dr. Ed Hernandez has been a leader on the implementation of federal health care reform – helping expand access to affordable health care, control costs, and improve the network of providers so people can actually get quality care when

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they need it. Dr. Ed has been a champion by expanding educational opportunity to qualified students overlooked by our public schools and universities, as well as a major proponent for government reform, including fixing a broken initiative system too often hijacked by billionaires and wealthy corporations. Dr. Ed Hernandez is running to take this experience, leadership, and vision to the next level by serving the people of California as their Lieutenant Governor.

For more information, please visit [www.edhernandez4ca.com](http://www.edhernandez4ca.com).

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