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**Robert Rivas Secures Major Endorsement from
Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez**
Endorsement follows support from Democratic Party, Latino Caucus,
Equality California in supporting Rivas for State Assembly

Sacramento, CA— Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez today announced his endorsement of Robert Rivas, the Democratic candidate for the 30th Assembly District seat.

"I am proud to endorse Robert Rivas for Assembly in the 30th Assembly District. Robert's public service is testament that he is a powerful voice for all residents of the Central Coast and I know that he will be an excellent advocate for all communities in the State Assembly."

Pérez was California State Assembly Speaker from 2010 to 2014. During his time as Speaker, Pérez's leadership worked to end the large deficits seen in California's budgets. As one of the longest serving Speakers in the era of term limits, Pérez stood up to address gender inequality issues, LGBTQ rights, and better healthcare access. In 2014, Pérez worked to re-establish funding for California's Commission on the Status of Women in order to continue the Commission's work in addressing gender inequities in California.

"I am honored to receive this endorsement," said Rivas. "During his tenure in the State Assembly, Speaker Emeritus Pérez leadership was instrumental in ending the budget deficit crisis in California. His work to end the budget gridlock is an example of the effective leadership California needs to ensure that our state continues to grow and flourish. I am proud of this endorsement and will work hard to solve problems and get results for our community."

This major endorsement continues the Rivas campaign's strong showing of support from legislative leaders, labor, and community groups in Assembly District 30 and California.

Rivas has been endorsed by the California Democratic Party, California Nurses Association, California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers, SEIU, Equality California, California Latino Legislative Caucus and the California League of Conservation Voters.

Local organizations and groups such as the Pajaro Valley Cesar Chavez Democratic Club, Anzar Hills Democratic Club, GLBT Alliance of Santa Cruz County, and a distinguished list of local elected officials have all endorsed Robert Rivas for State Assembly.

More information on the Rivas campaign can be found at rivasforassembly.com.

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