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JOHN CHIANG ENDORSED BY SAN FERNANDO VALLEY YOUNG DEMOCRATS

LOS ANGELES, CA – John Chiang’s campaign for governor today announced the endorsement of the San Fernando Valley Young Democrats (SFVYD). The San Fernando Valley Young Democrats was founded in 1994, and has remained committed to stimulating an interest in governmental affairs in young people and increasing government efficiency.

In a statement released by the SFVYD Executive Board, the club stated that, “The membership of the San Fernando Valley Young Democrats is proud to endorse John Chiang for governor and his vision for our state. John’s unwavering commitment to securing a strong and stable economic foundation today for the leaders of tomorrow is clear from his detailed plans to address affordable housing, bring down the costs of higher education, and invest in renewable energy technologies for a cleaner and greener future. We also trust John to crack down on the sexual harassment and sexual assault that plagues our workplaces and our state Capitol. John’s unwavering commitment to protecting Californians over special interests and his commitment to always

doing what's right are why the San Fernando Valley Young Dems are proud to offer our full support to his campaign. We know John will fight for us as our next governor in Sacramento.”

“I want to thank the San Fernando Valley Young Democrats for their endorsement and for bringing together young people in the San Fernando Valley to fight for progressive values,” said Chiang. “Young Californians need someone who will fight for their future, and that’s exactly what I’ve been doing throughout my entire career in public office. As governor, I will work to make California’s higher education system more affordable, invest in renewable energy technology to make sure our state does its part to combat climate change, stop those who abuse their power by sexually harassing others, and lead the resistance against President Trump’s attempts to trample California values. Every Californian deserves the opportunity to succeed, and voters can trust me to carry out a progressive vision for our state and lift up all our communities.”

Chiang got his first experience in California politics as a volunteer with the Democratic Party, where he registered voters in the San Fernando Valley.

The San Fernando Valley Young Dems is the latest major endorsement for Chiang’s campaign, joining California NOW (National Organization for Women), the West Los Angeles Democratic Club, the Fontana Democratic Club, the Culver City Democratic Club, IBEW Local 47, UNAC/UHCP, AFSCME District Council 36, the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club, NPE Action, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (CA-38), Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin, the Black Young Democrats of Sacramento, the AAPI Democratic Club of San Diego, and so many others that have all endorsed in recent weeks.

As a member of the state Board of Equalization, as state controller, and as state treasurer, Chiang has consistently fought for the future of California's young people:

- Chiang has put forward a [higher education plan](#) that will ensure Californians have first priority when it comes to enrollment at public universities and colleges, rolls back tuition and fees for the University of California and California State University systems, and makes it easier for students to refinance their loans.
- Chiang has also released an [education plan](#) that would invest more in K-12 education, obtain and train new teachers, and invest more in public education.
- Chiang convened California's first Green Bond Symposium to come up with ways to turbocharge the innovative, new green bond market, with an eye toward unlocking its potential to pay for billions of dollars in investments in our green infrastructure.
- Chiang is the only candidate for governor to put forward a [plan to prevent sexual harassment and abuse in Sacramento](#) and throughout state government.
- As state treasurer, Chiang has been the state's leader in working to fund affordable housing and revamped his office's affordable housing programs — increasing development by 80% since 2014. He's now working to [place a roof over the heads of an additional four million low and moderate-income Californians in the next decade](#).
- By restructuring California's state debt to generate more than \$7 billion for schools, infrastructure, and public safety, Chiang brought back our failing state economy.

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