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Congressman Mark DeSaulnier Backs Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto for State Assembly

El Cerrito – Congressman Mark DeSaulnier has officially endorsed Registered Nurse and El Cerrito Mayor Pro Tem Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto for State Assembly. Adding his name to a long list of supporters that also includes State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond and former Assemblymember Sandré Swanson.

"Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto is the next generation of local leader that we need in the State Assembly - a proven progressive, a local activist with a record of results and someone who has been part of this community for almost 20 years working as a nurse at Alta Bates. Rochelle has my full support in the State Assembly," said Congressman Mark DeSaulnier.

DeSaulnier has been a long time elected leader in Contra Costa County. Starting as a member of the Concord City Council, his service has also included the Board of Supervisors, the State Assembly, the State Senate and the past four years as a member of Congress.

"I'm honored to have the support of Congressman DeSaulnier, who continues to lead our community on so many issues, "said Pardue-Okimoto. "I look forward to working with him on a progressive agenda that helps our community as we move forward."

Pardue-Okimoto has been a Registered Nurse for the past 17 years at Alta Bates Hospital and a key leader in the fight to keep the hospital open.

Read more about Rochelle and her campaign at <u>www.rochellead15.com</u>

She and husband, Takashi, are raising their two sons in El Cerrito.

Assembly District 15 includes the cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Hercules, Kensington, Piedmont, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo, Tara Hills, and a portion of Oakland. The seat is open due to Tony Thurmond running for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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