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President Barack Obama Endorses Buffy Wicks for California State Assembly, District 15

Berkeley, CA.-- Today former United States President Barack Obama endorsed Buffy Wicks to serve as the next Assemblymember for District 15. Buffy Wicks worked for President Obama for 6 years both in the White House as Deputy Director of Public Engagement and served as a top lieutenant in both of Obama's presidential campaigns, including as California Field Director. Wicks is credited as one of the primary architects of Obama's grassroots organizing model.

"I'm proud to endorse such a wide and impressive array of Democratic candidates – leaders as diverse, patriotic, and big-hearted as the America they're running to represent," said President Obama. "I'm confident that, together, they'll strengthen this country we love by restoring opportunity that's broadly shared, repairing our alliances and standing in the world, and upholding our fundamental commitment to justice, fairness, responsibility, and the rule of law. But first, they need our votes – and I'm eager to make the case for why Democratic candidates deserve our votes this fall."

"I am deeply honored to be endorsed by my former boss and President of the United States, Barack Obama," said Wicks. "I joined the Obama 2008 campaign because he was the candidate who wanted to expand healthcare and create a progressive movement. I am honored to run as an Obama alumni with the same goals of passing big, bold progressive legislation and win by organizing at the local level."

President Obama believes our long-term challenges can be addressed best when we all take a more active role in our democracy. That's why he is dedicating his post-Presidency efforts to identifying and elevating the next generation of leaders. In issuing this first round of endorsements, President Obama hopes to help current and aspiring Democratic leaders establish themselves, build their profiles, and lead their communities.

Buffy Wicks is a community organizer, progressive advocate and a grassroots activist with experience at the local, state and federal level. Grassroots organizing has been a centerpiece of her campaign, with more than 160 house parties and a team of over 500 volunteers who knocked on over 35,000 doors. She recently won the primary with more than 31% of the vote, winning every city in the District.

More information on Buffy's platform and priorities can be found at www.buffywicks.com.

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