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**Former Fresno Mayor Backs Anna Caballero For State Senate Seat**

**Merced, Calif.** - Karen Humphrey, former Mayor of Fresno, announced today she was endorsing Assemblymember Anna Caballero's for the State Senate. Caballero is running to replace termed-out Sen. Anthony Cannella in Senate District 12, the sprawling six-county district which includes a portion of Fresno County.

In announcing her support for Caballero, Humphrey said, "I've known Anna Caballero for years and have a great deal of respect for her and her stand on such important issues as water, jobs, education and public safety. I know she will be an effective advocate for the Central Valley as a member of the State Senate."

Humphrey was the first woman elected Mayor of Fresno and also the first woman reporter and anchor on Fresno television, appearing on KFSN-TV ABC 3, Channel 30.

“I am pleased to have Karen Humphrey’s endorsement. She was a true pacesetter, both in Fresno city politics and local television and I welcome her support,” Caballero stated.

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*Assemblymember Anna Caballero serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee in the California State Assembly and is the former Mayor of Salinas. As the first female Mayor of Salinas, Caballero oversaw the expansion of programs that reduced gang violence and brought crime in the city to an all-time low. Cited for her fiscal discipline, she turned a budget deficit into a surplus and went on to serve as the California Secretary for Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, where she cut wasteful spending and championed the expansion of housing construction and services for homeless veterans. She is endorsed by the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, Firefighters, Nurses, and Teachers.*

*California’s 12th State Senate District, split between the Salinas Valley and the counties of Fresno, Madera, Merced, San Benito, and Stanislaus, is one of the most competitive legislative districts in California.*

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