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## Burlingame Councilmember and Two-Term Mayor Michael Brownrigg Announces Bid for State Senate

Brownrigg makes fighting the affordability crisis the focus of his campaign so more families on the Peninsula and in Silicon Valley can afford childcare, health care and housing.

**Burlingame, California** – Today, Mike Brownrigg, a two-term Burlingame Mayor and current city councilmember, formally kicked off his campaign for California's 13th State Senate District. The Senate District encompasses parts of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. You can watch his announcement video here.



"I'm running for State Senate to find real solutions to challenges facing families," Brownrigg said in a video announcing his candidacy. "I will work with Governor Newsom to increase affordable housing like we have here in Burlingame, to expand our community colleges and four-year public higher education institutions, develop a universal health care system that is a model for the country and ensure that California remains a leader in the fight against climate change."

Brownrigg is committed to building a grassroots campaign that reaches every city and community in the District and bringing nearly 30 years of integrity in public service and accomplishment at all levels of government to the California State Senate. "I want to be your neighborhood Senator. I'll come to your homes and neighborhoods to listen to you on what you think needs to be done in your community, and how Sacramento can help," he said.

"I know that when we come together we can fix the affordability crisis, keep our communities whole and our kids here, and make life better for all San Mateo and Santa Clara County families."

Brownrigg begins the campaign as the only candidate born and raised on the Peninsula and armed with a growing list of endorsements from prominent local elected officials, including San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa, South San Francisco City Council Members Mark Addiego and Rich Garbarino, Belmont City Council Member Doug Kim, Hillsborough Council Members Jay Benton and Marie Chuang, San Carlos Council Member and Mayor Mark Olbert, Burlingame Mayor Donna Colson and Vice Mayor Emily Beach, Burlingame Council Members Ann Keighran and Ricardo Ortiz, San Bruno Council Member Laura Davis, Half Moon Bay Mayor Deborah Penrose, former County Supervisor John Ward and former Foster City Mayor Charles Bronitsky, along with dozens of other leaders from every corner of this sprawling district.

His campaign ended the financial reporting period with a total of \$195,811 in contributions.

Brownrigg is a 9-year Burlingame City Council Member and two-term Mayor, and served 8 years on the Planning Commission. With his leadership, Burlingame expanded child and senior care, added more affordable housing and opened new parks and schools. Prior to elected office, Brownrigg worked as a congressional aide for Democratic U.S. Rep. Howard Berman and served President Clinton and two other administrations as a diplomat in the Foreign Service. Professionally, Brownrigg is a partner in a social impact investment firm that's helping improve underserved communities around the world. He and his wife, Marty, a pediatrician, live in Burlingame where they are raising their four children.

For more information on Brownrigg for State Senate, please visit <u>VoteBrownrigg.com</u>.

