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STATE SENATE COLLEAGUES CONSOLIDATE AROUND JOSH NEWMAN IN SD-29 REMATCH

*Wave of 10 State Senators Endorse Citizen Josh Newman's 2020
Campaign for State Senate District 29*

ORANGE COUNTY, CA -- On the heels of officially launching his 2020 rematch campaign to represent California's State Senate District 29, today, U.S. Army veteran, businessman and former State Senator, citizen Josh Newman, earned the potent and highly coveted support of 10 California State Senators, including:

- State Senator Tom Umberg
 - State Senator Connie Leyva
 - State Senator Maria Elena Durazo
 - State Senator Ben Allen
 - State Senator Richard Pan
 - State Senator Mike McGuire
 - State Senator Steven Bradford
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- State Senator Bob Archuleta
- State Senator Anthony Portantino
- State Senator Ed Hernandez (Ret.)

In making public their firm backing of Newman's 2020 rematch campaign, the myriad of State Senators released the following statements of support:

“Josh Newman brings guts, brains and heart to everything he does. As a veteran, a businessman and a former State Senator, his life experiences are unrivaled in this race. Josh's commitment to building a smarter, more effective and efficient state government represents precisely what we need more of in the capitol. I'm thrilled to support his campaign for State Senate.”

-- State Senator Tom Umberg

"In this watershed moment of our nation's history, it's more important than ever that we in California have bold leaders who have the courage to stand up and do what's right for the working families in our state. Josh Newman is that leader. He's deeply devoted to the people of the 29th district - and has a record to prove it - fighting for workers, young people, seniors, women, immigrants and more. We need Josh in the Senate and I'm pleased to give him my enthusiastic support."

-- State Senator Connie Leyva

“I’m excited to endorse Josh Newman for State Senate. Josh is a proven advocate for working families, and I know that he’ll advance a pro-worker, pro-middle class agenda in Sacramento, fighting to amplify the voices of the most vulnerable in the workplace. I’m with him 100%”

-- State Senator Maria Elena Durazo

"Josh Newman has been a fierce champion for the people of California's 29th district. He's worked tirelessly to invest more in education, protect our environment, create more middle class jobs, improve our infrastructure, and increase access to healthcare. We need his leadership, his vision and his forward-thinking, pragmatic agenda in Sacramento. I'm proud to endorse Josh Newman for State Senate."

-- State Senator Ben Allen

"I enthusiastically endorse Josh Newman for State Senate because it's now more important than ever that we have sensible and solutions-focused representatives helping to lead California forward. From working to protect healthcare coverage to combatting climate change, Josh Newman will put the needs of the people of the 29th District first everyday."

-- State Senator Richard Pan

“Josh is a forward-thinking, levelheaded, get the job done type of guy. We can count on him to work every day to strengthen the middle class, be a champion for our kids and strong public schools, combat climate change and modernize our fire fighting and emergency response system. Josh loves California and we need his tireless work ethic back in the Senate fighting for the Golden State and delivering for the 29th District.”

-- *State Senator Mike McGuire*

"Josh Newman was more than just a colleague in the Senate. He is a friend, and someone I've admired. He was one the most thoughtful and smartest elected officials that I've ever served with or known. We need more Josh's in elected office on all levels. As a lawmaker, Josh always put the people of his district and good public policy over politics. We need more of that in Sacramento. With Josh back in the State Senate, I know he will work to advance smart solutions that lift up all Californians. He has my full, wholehearted support."

-- *State Senator Steven Bradford*

"The 29th District needs a representative with the background, courage, and policy savvy to get things done in Sacramento, and Josh Newman is exactly the person for the job. We need thoughtful and compassionate representatives who will fight for working and middle class families and our esteemed veterans in

Orange County, and I'm with him 100%."

-- State Senator Bob Archuleta

"Josh Newman is the clear choice for Senate District 29. In the State Legislature, Josh was an effective and fearless leader, working to expand access to affordable health care, improve services for veterans, defend immigrant communities, and protect the environment. Time and again, Josh has shown the passion and innovative thinking needed to be an effective champion for all Californians, and I'm thrilled to endorse him."

-- State Senator Anthony Portantino

"Josh Newman represents the bold leadership we need for California. He's smart, knowledgeable about public policy, has sound judgement and a strong moral compass. I'm proud to endorse Josh Newman for State Senate."

-- State Senator Ed Hernandez (Ret.)

Citizen Newman, who previously represented California's 29th State Senate District seat, was joined by over 200 community leaders and grassroots activists at a rally event just last Sunday, March 3rd, underscoring the early people-powered enthusiasm and momentum behind his campaign. In officially launching his 2020 rematch bid he released the following statement:

"In 2016, I got elected on a really simple message: that people deserve better — from politicians and from government — because we, the people, have every right to expect decency and honesty from those who serve us in elected office. I live by a couple of simple rules: do the work — tell the truth — stand up for what you believe in — and do the right thing.

"Serving as the representative for the people of California's State Senate District 29 was the greatest honor I could ever ask for— I got to strengthen public safety, help veterans get care and find jobs, improve schools, protect our air and water, and expand access to healthcare.

"The people of this district deserve a Senator who's in it for the right reasons — who's always willing to listen — and who would rather lose an election than compromise their integrity. You hired me once as your State Senator — I'd be honored to have the opportunity to serve you once again."

Josh Newman is a United States Army veteran, community activist, father, husband, and former State Senator for the 29th Senate District of California. A native of Orange County, he and his wife Darcy reside in Fullerton with their daughter and four rescue Chihuahuas.

A former officer in the United States Army, Newman previously had active duty

assignments with a nuclear weapons detachment in South Korea and with a conventional artillery battalion in the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Later in life after serving in the military, Newman founded and served as Executive Director of ArmedForce2Workforce, an initiative founded in 2012 to assist young veterans in the Orange County/Greater Los Angeles area in the pursuit of rewarding, career-oriented employment.

Continuing to give back to his community — in 2016 — Newman ran a bottom-up campaign against the political establishment — and got elected to the California Senate. In the State Senate, Newman chaired the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. He also sat on the Business and Professions, Health, Insurance, and Human Services Committees.

In Sacramento, he was active and accessible, tirelessly serving the 16 cities of the 29th Senate District, and continuously putting public service over politics, irrespective of the consequences. Throughout his tenure, Newman focused on finding common sense, pragmatic solutions that help improve the quality of life for California families. His legislation championed veteran services, mental health resources, public education, job creation, environmental protection, equal rights and transportation improvements.

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