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**FOX EARNS SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA YOUNG DEMOCRATS IN
AD-68 BID**

***California Young Democrats Endorse Irvine Councilmember
Melissa Fox's Assembly Campaign***

IRVINE, CA - In a reflection of her extensive support from young people, today Irvine City Councilwoman Melissa Fox received a critical endorsement from the California Young Democrats. CYD is official youth arm of the California Democratic Party, comprised of people ages 14-35.

In a statement released with the endorsement, CYD President Will Rodriguez-Kennedy remarked:

"The California Young Democrats are excited to endorse Melissa Fox for State Assembly. She has the experience, values, and vision needed to help move California forward, and we are confident that she will be a passionate and effective voice for young people in Sacramento. Our organization is proud to support her campaign."

Recently, Fox secured critical support from eligible delegates at the California Democratic Party's Pre-Endorsement Conference, earning 73% of the vote from the 68th Assembly District Caucus and ensuring that her name will be considered for automatic endorsement at the upcoming CDP Convention.

For the most recent June 30th filing deadline, Fox's campaign announced that she had outraised her opponent, Steven Choi, more than 2:1, with Fox's campaign bringing in a significant \$174,515, while Choi only raised \$77,785.

Since officially launching her campaign, Melissa Fox has announced an impressive array of endorsements. To date, Melissa has earned the following endorsements:

ORGANIZATIONS:

- California Professional Firefighters (CPF)
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) State Council of California
- EMILY's List
- Orange County Employees Association (OCEA)
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 441
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 11
- United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 324
- United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 220
- Laborers Local 652
- Laborers Local 1309
- International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 12
- Women In Leadership (WIL)
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 36
- California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus
- Fund Her
- Women's Political Committee (WPC)
- California Federation of Teachers (CFT)
- Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 9510
- Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC)

FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTED LEADERS:

- U.S. Congressman Lou Correa
- California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis
- California State Treasurer Fiona Ma
- California State Controller Betty Yee
- California State Insurance Commissioner Emeritus Dave Jones
- California State Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez
- State Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva
- State Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher
- State Senator Jim Beall
- State Senator, Chair of California Legislative Women's Caucus,* and past president of California Labor Federation,* Connie Leyva
- Former State Senator Josh Newman

LOCAL ELECTED AND COMMUNITY LEADERS:

- Aliso Viejo Mayor Ross Chun
- Aliso Viejo City Councilmember Tiffany Ackley
- Anaheim Community Leader, OC Fair Board Member, and AD 68 Delegate Ashleigh E Aitken
- Anaheim City Councilmember Jordan Brandman
- Artesia City Councilmember Ali Taj
- Buena Park Cultural and Fine Arts Commissioner Benjamin Gonzalez
- Brea Olinda Unified School District Board Member Keri Kropke
- Capistrano School Board Member (Ret.) Dr. Gary Pritchard
- Coast Community College Trustee Dr. Lorraine Prinsky
- Centralia School District Trustee Jerry Flores
- Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley
- Costa Mesa City Councilmember Arlis Reynolds
- Costa Mesa City Councilmember John Stephens
- Costa Mesa City Councilmember Manuel Chavez
- Costa Mesa City Councilmember Andrea Marr
- El Cerrito City Councilmember Gabriel Quinto
- Fullerton City Council Member Ahmad Zahra
- Fullerton City Councilmember Jesus Silva
- Garden Grove City Councilmember Thu-Ha Nguyen
- Huntington Beach City Councilmember (Ret.) Joe Shaw
- Irvine Community Service Commission Chair Lauren Johnson Norris
- Irvine Finance Commissioner Roger Sievers
- Irvine Planning Commission Chair Dustin Nirchle
- Irvine Transportation Commissioner Ken Montgomery

- Irvine Transportation Commissioner Avinder Chawla
- Irvine Children, Youth, and Families Committee Member Zhihai Li
- Irvine Senior Council Member Juneu Kim
- Irvine Childcare Committee Member Dawn Antis
- La Habra City Councilmember Rose Espinoza
- La Habra Heights Mayor (Ret.) Kyle Miller
- Malibu City Mayor (Ret.) Lou LaMont
- Ocean View School District Trustee Gina Clayton-Tarvin
- Orange County Board of Education Member and former Tustin Councilmember Beckie Gomez
- Orange County Board of Education Candidate Andy Thorburn
- Orange Unified School District Trustee Kris Erickson
- Orange City Council Candidate Adrienne Joy Gladson
- Rancho Santiago College District Trustee John R. Hanna
- Santa Ana Councilmember Vince Sarmiento
- Santa Ana Councilmember (Ret.), former Chair of SCAG and President of NALEO Michele Martinez
- Tustin City Councilmember Letitia Clark
- Walnut Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Rodriguez
- West Hollywood City Councilmember Lindsey Horvath
- UCI Professor and Climate Activist Kathleen Treseder
- Philanthropist and Irvine Community Leader Alethea T. Hsu, M.D.
- Democratic Foundation of Orange County Chair Dan Jacobson
- Orange County Democratic Party Vice Chair Jeff LeTourneau
- California Democratic Party LGBT Caucus Chair Denise Penn
- Community Leader and former Congressional Candidate Phil Janowicz
- California Democratic Party Region 17 Director Florice Hoffman
- Social Compassion in Legislation Founder and CEO Judie Mancuso
- Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, Dir. Government Affairs, ret., Tony Bedolla
- Laguna Beach Community Leader Mary Carter
- Teacher and Human Rights Activist Joseph Hamer Salas
- Newport Beach Activist and Women in Leadership Member Pam Gilmour
- Clean Energy Advocate and Organizer Robin Ganahl
- Brig. General Robin Bailey Umberg, US Army, ret., former Undersecretary, California Dept of Veteran Affairs, current California Veterans Board Member
- Veterans' Advocate and US Navy Veteran Bryan Fazio
- Veterans' Advocate and US Army Vietnam War Veteran Wesley Chick Adams
- California Young Democrats Jewish Caucus Chair Joshua Baum
- Anaheim Community Leader and AD 68 Delegate Grant Henninger
- Orange Community Leader and AD 68 Delegate David Sonneborn
- California Democratic Party Standing Committee on Litigation Chair Nikki Linnerman

- LGBTQ Activist Isabella Rubio
- Fullerton Community Leader Monika Broome
- Orange County Arts Leader Richard Stein

A career-long attorney, Melissa Fox has served on the Irvine Council since 2016 after winning an at-large, citywide election. She also serves as a Director of the Orange County Fire Authority and previously served as Vice Chair of the Orange County Great Park. Melissa has been recognized for her dedication to fiscal responsibility by the Orange County Auditor-Controller with the "Orange County Taxpayer Watchdog Award." Fox has also been honored for her dedication to children and families by earning the "Hero of Children Award" from the Child Abuse Protection Network.

Councilwoman Fox is the Founder and Senior Attorney at The Fox Firm, a civil law firm specializing in business law and public affairs. In addition, she serves as Southern Vice Chair of the Democratic Municipal Officials, California.

Her service on local and regional boards and agencies includes Community Energy Partnership, Library Advisory Board of Orange County Library System, Chair of the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee, and Chair of the Irvine Community Land Trust for Affordable Housing.

In 2016, Hillary Clinton beat Donald Trump in the 68th Assembly District by nearly 5-points.

For more information, please visit www.votemelissafox.com

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