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SMITH WINS MORE CRITICAL SUPPORT FROM PROMINENT LOCAL LEADERS

California Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez, State Senator Steven Bradford, L.A. City Councilman Gil Cedillo, Former State Senator Fran Pavley and Simi Valley Leaders Unite Behind Christy Smith's CA-25 Bid

SANTA CLARITA, CA— Keeping up her rapid pace of locking down crucial endorsements in her campaign for California's 25th Congressional District, today State Assemblywoman Christy Smith garnered another wave of potent new endorsements from respected local leaders, outlined below:

- California Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez
- State Senator Steven Bradford
- State Senator Fran Pavley (Ret.)
- L.A. City Councilman Gil Cedillo
- Simi Valley School Board Trustee Kareem Jubran
- Simi Valley School Board Trustee Bob LaBelle
- Simi Valley School Board Trustee Dawn Smollen
- Rancho Simi Rec & Park Board Director Brian Dennert
- Ventura County Community College District Trustee Bernardo Perez, 4th District
- Ventura County Board of Education Trustee Rob Collins, 4th District

Assemblywoman Smith released the following statement reflecting on the endorsements:

"I'm deeply grateful for the confidence placed in me by Speaker Emeritus Pérez, Senator Bradford, former Senator Pavley, Councilman Cedillo, and the Simi Valley leaders who have joined our coalition. Their backing is a testament to the success of our campaign and our message of fighting for more good middle class jobs, greater investments in local public schools, cleaner air and water, increased access to affordable healthcare and common sense gun safety laws. I'm really honored to have their support and look forward to collaborating with them on the campaign trail in the weeks ahead."

Recently, Smith's campaign for Congress announced that she had raised over \$100,000.

Just last week, Assemblywoman Smith released endorsements from 63% of CA-25's California Democratic Party delegates - a noteworthy feat given the fact that in a special election, candidates must reach 60% of delegate support to secure the state party's endorsement (List below).

Assemblywoman Smith also released the following introductory video, [titled "We're Not Turning Back."](#)

To view the ad, [click on the image below:](#)



Since entering the race, Assemblywoman Smith has released the following list of endorsements from key leaders and organizations, including:

Organizations:

- Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DP/SFV)
 - International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) District Council 36
 - California IATSE (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees) Council
 - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 40
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- United Steelworkers (USW) Local 675
- Teamsters Local 399
- Plumbers & Fitters United Association (UA) Local 761

Federal:

- U.S. Congressman Jimmy Gomez
- U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass
- U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
- U.S. Congressman Brad Sherman
- U.S. Congresswoman Julia Brownley
- U.S. Congressman Harley Rouda

Statewide:

- California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis
- California State Controller Betty Yee
- California State Treasurer Fiona Ma
- California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon
- California Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez

State Legislators:

- State Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León (Ret.)
 - State Senator and California Legislative Women's Caucus Chair Connie Leyva
 - State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
 - State Senator Holly Mitchell
 - State Senator Lena Gonzalez
 - State Senator Steven Bradford
 - State Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg
 - State Senator Fran Pavley (Ret.)
 - State Assemblymember and California Progressive Caucus Chair Reggie Jones-Sawyer
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- State Assemblymember and California State Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair
Mike Gipson
- State Assemblymember and California Latino Legislative Caucus Chair Lorena
Gonzalez Fletcher
- State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin
- State Assemblymember Laura Friedman
- State Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes
- State Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva
- State Assemblymember Autumn Burke
- State Assemblymember Monique Limon
- State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel
- State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
- State Assemblymember Miguel Santiago
- State Assemblymember Sydney K. Kamlager-Dove
- State Assemblymember Ash Kalra
- State Assemblymember and Vice Chair of LGBTQ Caucus Todd Gloria
- State Assemblymember Susan Eggman
- State Assemblymember Chris Holden
- State Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris
- State Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes
- State Assemblymember Cristina Garcia
- State Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell
- State Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
- State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
- State Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath

Local Leaders:

- Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
 - Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - Los Angeles County Supervisor and former U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis
 - Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang
 - Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson
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- Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel (Ret.)
 - LA City Councilman Gil Cedillo
 - Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu
 - Los Angeles City Councilmember Joe Buscaino
 - Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz
 - Los Angeles County Democratic Party Chair Mark Gonzalez*
 - Ventura County Democratic Party Chair Ryan Valencia*
 - Jerilyn Stapleton, National Organization for Women (NOW) Immediate Past President and Co-Chair California Democratic Party Legislative Committee and Elected LA County Democratic Party AD-46 Delegate to the California Democratic Party*
 - West Ranch High School Retired Founding Principal Bob Vincent*
 - Simi Valley City Council District 1 Candidate Phil Loos
 - Saugus Union School District Governing Board President* Julie Olsen (a delegate previously released)
 - Saugus Union School District Board Member Christopher Trunkey
 - Saugus Union School District Board Member Laura Arrowsmith
 - Saugus Union School District Board Member David Barlavi
 - Candidate for Los Angeles City Council District 12 Loraine Lundquist
 - San Leandro Unified School District School Board Member James Aguilar
 - Manhattan Beach Mayor (Ret.) Amy Howorth
 - Former Superintendent Newhall School District Dr. Marc Winger*
 - Conejo Valley Unified School District Board Member Jenny Hughes Fitzgerald
 - Rancho Simi Park Director, Brian Dennert*
 - West Hollywood Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath
 - Santa Clarita Valley Water District Board Director Lynne Plambeck
 - Ventura County Community College District Trustee Bernardo Perez
 - North Valley Democratic Club President Richard Matthews*
 - Democratic Alliance for Action President Chad Kampbell*
 - President Hollywood National Organization for Women (NOW) Dr. John Erickson*
 - Artesia City Councilman Ali Taj
 - West LA Democratic Club President Cara Robin*
 - Santa Monica Democratic Club President John Katz*
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CA-25's California Democratic Party Delegates:

1. Wade Alexander
 2. Javad Ayala
 3. Nathan Bousfield
 4. Jeri Boyd
 5. John Casselberry
 6. Jodie Cooper
 7. Jerry Danielsen
 8. Kimble Deleon
 9. Mai Nguyen Do
 10. Stacy Fortner
 11. Matthew Gaines
 12. Phillip Germain
 13. Dawn Gray
 14. Marilyn Grunwald
 15. Hilary Hall
 16. Kristine Harn
 17. Jim Hilfenhaus
 18. Michelle Kampbell
 19. Evan Koplín
 20. Michael Kulka
 21. Julie Olsen
 22. Lynne Plambeck
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23. Mary Platt
24. Marcy Rothenberg
25. Christy Smith
26. Logan Smith
27. Patricia Sulpizio
28. Andrew Taban
29. Ryan Valencia
30. Brandon Zavala
31. Shawnee Badger
32. Tiffany Countryman
33. Diana Love
34. Thom Davis
35. Andrew Lopez
36. Sandy Harth

In 2018, Smith's campaign raised over \$2 million and ultimately triumphed in a hard-fought election, securing a decisive win in the race to represent the 38th Assembly District, a district that represents 58% of California's 25th Congressional District. Smith won by over 5,000 votes and flipped a seat blue that had been Republican-held since 1978.

Last Monday, Assemblywoman Smith launched her campaign by releasing the following statement:

"After much encouragement from community members, neighborhood leaders, activists, parents, veterans and working people across this district, over the last several days, it's been made clear to me that the people of the 25th Congressional District want and need a new voice to fight for them in Washington. That's why today I am proud to announce that I am running for Congress.

"I would like to commend Congresswoman Katie Hill for her service on behalf

of the 25th District as well as her willingness to put country first by stepping down from office.

"Our communities - our people - and our families - need a fighter who will advance a common sense agenda in Washington that lifts up all of our neighborhoods. From investing more in emergency response and public safety to combat wildfires, to working to lower healthcare costs, ensure veterans get the best care possible, protect clean air and water, safeguard immigrant communities, fully fund public education and build a middle class economy that works for all of us -- these are the issues that have been at the center of my agenda in the state legislature -- and they're the same issues I'll fight for every day in Congress."

State Assemblywoman Christy Smith is a 39-year resident of Santa Clarita. A leader from this district who has a proven record of fighting for this district, Smith was called "[Passionate About Public Safety, Education.](#)" by the *Signal SCV* newspaper. In the state legislature, she works hard every day to advance common sense solutions to address the challenges facing the people and communities she represents.

As Assemblywoman, Smith has worked hard to get things done for local neighborhoods and make a real difference for the people of the 38th District.

A leader on public safety, Smith wrote the law to compensate victims of human trafficking so that they have a chance to rebuild their lives. As Chair of the State Assembly's Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, she co-authored a law that ensures first responders have mental healthcare covered in their workers' compensation policy.

Smith also serves on the State Assembly's Education Committee; the Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee; the Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee; as well as the Accountability and Administrative Review Committee.

A tireless fighter for the people she represents - always working to ensure the 38th District gets its fair share - in 2019, Smith was able to secure nearly \$400,000 for the College of the Canyons to modernize its facilities; \$700,000 for the Free Clinic of Simi Valley, which

provides medical care to low income individuals; \$5 million for a new childcare center at CSU Channel Islands; and \$450,000 for the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center, which provides important services to elderly patients in the Santa Clarita Valley.

As a former school board member, Smith has been an outspoken advocate for our schools, and has fought for more resources for local classrooms. In her first year in office, she authored a law making it easier for college students to use ScholarShare savings accounts to pay for educational expenses like rent and textbooks. Smith also enacted groundbreaking rules protecting high school students from sexual harassment, and ensured that high schools post reporting procedures and harassment policies.

Smith authored and co-authored two landmark laws on charter school transparency, ensuring that charter schools operate with a greater level of accountability, and eliminating loopholes that allowed charter schools to operate without oversight of the school district that authorized them.

Before being sworn into the California State Assembly, Smith served two terms as a Governing Board Member and as President of the highly successful Newhall School District. Prior to her time in elected office, while raising two daughters, Smith served as a PTA and site council member and also founded the Valencia Valley Technological Education Foundation. Before then, she started her career in public service as an analyst at the U.S. Department of Education. A graduate of Hart High School, Smith attended College of the Canyons and graduated with honors from UCLA with a B.A. in Political Science.

Smith currently represents California's 38th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Valencia, Saugus, Canyon Country, Stevenson Ranch, Newhall, Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, Granada Hills, and Agua Dulce. The Assemblywoman lives in Newhall, with her husband Phil, along with their two daughters, Chelsea and Chandler.

For more information please visit: <https://www.christyforcongress.org>

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