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*House Speaker Nancy Pelosi Joins CA Governor, Both CA Senators
and 13 Members of Congress in Uniting Behind Christy Smith for
Congress*

SANTA CLARITA, CA -- In a monumental development in the race for California's 25th Congressional District seat, today State Assemblywoman Christy Smith earned the powerful endorsement of U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

Speaker Pelosi released the following statement with her announced endorsement:

“California State Assemblywoman Christy Smith is a proven leader. We need her in Congress so that she can help advance our for the people agenda in Washington. I am proud to endorse Christy Smith because she will work to fight corruption, lower the cost of prescription drugs, fully fund public schools and build a strong middle-class economy that works for all Americans.”

Recently, Smith released a new ad in response to the multiple wildfires that the people of CA-25 grappled with just last year.

To view Smith's new ad, "Care" [click here](#) or on the link below:



Assemblywoman Smith previously 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:

Grassroots and Community Organizations:

- EMILY's List
 - California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV)
 - California Federation of Teachers (CFT)
 - Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (DP/SFV)
 - California Young Democrats (CYD)
 - Los Angeles County Young Democrats (LACYD)
 - Indivisible Conejo
 - Indivisible CA-25 Simi Valley/Porter Ranch
 - North Valley Democratic Club
 - Democratic Alliance for Action
 - Simi Valley Democratic Club
 - San Fernando Valley Young Democrats
 - Equality California (EQCA)
 - Stonewall Democratic Club
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- Southern California Armenian Democrats (SCAD)

Working Families Organizations:

- International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
- 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
- United Steelworkers (USW) Local 675
- Teamsters Local 399
- Plumbers & Fitters United Association (UA) Local 761
- Laborers (LiUNA) Local 300
- International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 12
- National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW)
- Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters (SWRCC)
- Teamsters Joint Council 42
- International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Southern California District Council

Federal:

- U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi
 - U.S. Senator Kamala Harris
 - U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
 - U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff
 - 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. Congresswoman Judy Chu
 - U.S. Congressman Harley Rouda
 - U.S. Congressman Mike Levin
 - U.S. Congressman Ami Bera
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- U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal
- U.S. Congressman Mark DeSaulnier
- U.S. Congressman Jim Costa

Statewide:

- California Governor Gavin Newsom
- 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
- California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins
- State Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León (Ret.)

State Legislators:

- 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 Henry Stern
 - State Senator Melissa Hurtado
 - State Senator Fran Pavley (Ret.)
 - State Assemblymember and California Progressive Caucus Chair Reggie Jones-Sawyer
 - 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
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- 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
- State Assemblymember Tim Grayson
- State Assemblymember Ed Chao

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
 - Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel (Ret.)
 - Los Angeles City Councilman Gil Cedillo
 - Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu
 - Los Angeles City Councilmember Joe Buscaino
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- Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz
 - Los Angeles County Democratic Party Chair Mark Gonzalez*
 - Ventura County Democratic Party Chair Ryan Valencia (Ret.)*
 - National Organization for Women (NOW) California 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, Jerilyn Stapleton*
 - 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
 - Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
 - Manhattan Beach Mayor Amy Howorth (Ret.)
 - Superintendent Newhall School District Dr. Marc Winger (Ret.)*
 - 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
 - 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 Los Angeles Democratic Club President Cara Robin*
 - Santa Monica Democratic Club President John Katz*
 - 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
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- Ventura County Community College District Trustee Bernardo Perez, 4th District
- Ventura County Board of Education Trustee Rob Collins, 4th District
- Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
- Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees' Member Andra Hoffman
- Dr. Armond Aghakhanian, Vice President, Board of Education, Burbank Unified School District

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
 23. Mary Platt
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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.

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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