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Sierra Club California Endorses Xavier Becerra for Attorney General

SACRAMENTO – **The Sierra Club California** today announced they have endorsed Xavier Becerra for Attorney General, citing his commitment to safeguarding the progress California has made in protecting our environment.

“Attorney General Becerra has proven in the last year that he is more than willing and able to defend California’s environment from federal assault,” said Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California. “He understands—and acts on—the need to make sure everyone in the state has clean air, clean water and a healthy environment.”

“I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Sierra Club California,” said Attorney General Xavier Becerra. “California has been a trailblazer in protecting our environment and I will continue to fight to defend the progress we have made on climate change and in cleaning up our air and water.”

As Attorney General, Becerra has prioritized defending laws that double to protect our environment and public health. He has sued Donald Trump's team 16 times for rolling back or repealing environmental safeguards, has won rulings in 9 of those cases, and hasn't lost one case yet.

Becerra has also been endorsed by: **California Environmental Justice Alliance Action (CEJA Action)**; and environmental justice advocates, including: **Orson Aguilar, President, Greenlining Institute***; **Caroline Farrell, Executive Director, The Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment***; **Laurel Firestone, Co-Executive Director, Community Water Center***; **Veronica Garribay, Co-Director, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability***; **Luis Olmedo, Executive Director, Imperial Valley Comite Civico del Valle (CCV)***; **Vien Truong, CEO, Dream Corps and Director of Green for All***; and **Penny Newman, Founder, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)***. (*Titles for Identification purposes only)

In addition, **AFSCME California**; **California Labor Federation**; **California Nurses Association/National Nurses United**; **California Professional Firefighters**; **the California School Employees Association**; **California State Building and Construction Trades Council**; **California State Pipe Trades Council**; **California Statewide Law Enforcement Association**; **California Teachers Association**; **Communications Workers of America**; **Equality California**; **Laborers International Union of North America**; **National Union of Healthcare Workers**; **Professional Engineers in California Government**; **Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California**; **SEIU California**; and **the United Food and Commercial Workers Western States Council** have also endorsed Becerra.

Xavier Becerra became California’s 33rd Attorney General in January of 2017 when he was nominated by Governor Jerry Brown and confirmed by the California State Legislature. Becerra’s work as California’s chief law enforcement officer follows more than two decades of service representing the people of Los Angeles in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to that, he served as a state assemblyman and California deputy attorney general.

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