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PawPAC Announces 2020 Endorsements for California Statewide Offices

LOS ANGELES — September 29, 2020 — PawPAC, a California-based nonpartisan humane legislative group with a 40-year history of animal advocacy, has released its 2020 endorsement list of candidates for statewide office based on their consistent support for animal welfare laws. PawPAC is honored to affirm the dedicated work of these incumbent lawmakers to pass animal protection laws and fully endorses them for giving priority to vulnerable populations.

The full endorsement list may be found at www.pawpac.org

PawPAC is also pleased to support the campaigns of the following new candidates for office:

Assembly

District 1	Elizabeth Betancourt
District 13	Kathy Miller
District 25	Alex Lee
District 26	Drew Phelps
District 35	Dawn Addis
District 37	Steve Bennett
District 55	Andrew Rodriguez
District 64	Fatima Iqbal-Zubair
District 68	Melissa Fox
District 78	Sarah Davis

Senate

District 15	Ann Ravel
District 21	Kipp Mueller
District 29	Josh Newman
District 37	Dave Min

“Animal protection is a cornerstone of a mature society,” said Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (AD 63). Over the last several years the California Legislature has proven this statement by passing historic laws for animal protection, including bans on lead ammunition in hunting, drift gill nets, animals used in circus, the sale of mill-bred animals, fur trapping and products, alligator trade and the captive breeding of orcas. Protections for wildlife habitats have included safeguards for threatened or endangered species such as bobcats, sea otters, Monarch butterflies, bighorn sheep, desert tortoises, as well as sustainment of eroded federal laws for endangered species and migratory birds. Plant-based meal options in schools, health care facilities and prisons have promoted health and wellbeing of both humans and nonhumans.

René Rowland, PawPAC Chair, remarked, “We are thrilled to have candidates contact us to seek endorsement and engage in discussions of current issues. These advocates for the most vulnerable in our communities have demonstrated that animals are important for biodiversity, the overall health of the planet, companionship, as well for ethical choices humans make to bend the moral arc toward justice.”

Voters are encouraged to mail ballots as early as possible, or to vote early in person, to ensure that their votes are received.

PawPAC’s annual **Report Card** is a highly regarded humane scorecard that provides voters with grades for every legislator, and includes the Governor. Its **endorsements** in election years reflect lifetime records for incumbents, and recommendations for promising new candidates.

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Notes to Media:

PawPAC Publishes 2020 Endorsements for California Statewide Offices

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About PawPAC:

PawPAC was founded in 1980 as the first California political action committee dedicated to the election of statewide officers who make animal welfare a priority, using its scorecards to inform the public of statewide candidates’ positions on bills. A generalist organization advocating for all animal species, PawPAC volunteers are grassroots activists, speaking at agency and legislative meetings on behalf of animals who otherwise have no voice.

Interviews available by request by contacting:

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California 2020 Election Endorsements

November 3, 2020

State Senate

5. Susan Eggman (D)
7. Steve Glazer (D)
9. Nancy Skinner (D)
11. Scott Wiener (D)
13. Josh Becker (D)
15. Ann Ravel (D)
19. Monique Limón (D)
21. Kip Mueller (D)
25. Anthony Portantino (D)
27. Henry Stern (D)
29. Josh Newman (D)
31. Richard Roth (D)
33. Lena Gonzalez (D)
35. Steven Bradford (D)
37. Dave Min (D)
39. Toni Atkins (D)

Senate endorsements are for odd districts only.

A missing district indicates no endorsement.

Endorsements are made based on a lifetime PawPAC score, and/or a questionnaire plus research on new candidates.

State Assembly

1. Elizabeth Betancourt (D)
2. Jim Wood (D)
4. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D)
7. Kevin McCarty (D)
10. Marc Levine (D)
13. Kathy Miller (D)
15. Buffy Wicks (D)
16. Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D)
17. David Chiu (D)
18. Rob Bonta (D)
19. Phil Ting (D)
20. Bill Quirk
22. Kevin Mullin (D)
24. Marc Berman (D)
25. Alex Lee (D)
26. Drew Phelps (D)
27. Ash Kalra (D)
29. Mark Stone (D)
30. Robert Rivas (D)
31. Joaquin Arambula (D)
35. Dawn Addis (D)
37. Steve Bennett (D)
39. Luz Rivas (D)
40. James Ramos (D)

State Assembly

41. Chris Holden (D)
43. Laura Friedman (D)
45. Jesse Gabriel (D)
46. Adrin Nazarian (D)
47. Eloise Gómez Reyes (D)
49. Ed Chau (D)
50. Richard Bloom (D)
51. Wendy Carrillo (D)
52. Freddie Rodriguez (D)
53. Miguel Santiago (D)
54. Sydney Kamlager (D)
55. Andrew Rodriguez (D)
56. Eduardo Garcia (D)
58. Cristina Garcia (D)
59. Reginald Jones-Sawyer (D)
60. Sabrina Cervantes (D)
61. Jose Medina (D)
62. Autumn Burke (D)
63. Anthony Rendon (D)
64. Fatima Iqbal-Zubair (D)
66. Al Muratsuchi (D)
68. Melissa Fox (D)
70. Patrick O'Donnell (D)
74. Cottie Petrie-Norris (D)
75. Marie Waldron (R)
76. Tasha Boerner Horvath (D)
77. Brian Maienschein (D)
78. Sarah Davis (D)
79. Shirley Weber (D)
80. Lorena Gonzalez (D)

NO ON PROP 14 See the Secretary of State's [Prop 14 page](#) in the California voter guide. While it may be possible to reduce animal exploitation through stem cell methods, this \$5.5B initiative administered by the CIRM offers no plan for alternative testing or clean meat. The CIRM operates primarily by traditional medicine protocols.

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