

# SANDRÉ SWANSON

DEMOCRAT FOR STATE SENATE

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## California Nurses Association Endorses Sandré Swanson for State Senate

*California Labor Community Continues to Unite Behind Swanson*

**Alameda, CA** – Former East Bay Assemblymember Sandré Swanson announced today that he has received the endorsement of the California Nurses Association.

CNA's support quickly follows recent endorsements by key East Bay leaders and labor leaders including the California School Employees Association and Teamsters Joint Council 7. Swanson's campaign has earned the support of every State Legislator whose district substantially overlaps with the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate District, as well as the East Bay's iconic U.S. Representative, Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

"California's nurses are united in support of Sandré Swanson. Swanson is a champion for the rights of patients and for ensuring safe workplaces for healthcare workers," CNA Co-President Malinda Markowitz, RN said. "Sandré Swanson is the clear choice for State Senate and the California Nurses Association is proud to endorse his campaign."



"California's nurses are the front-line of our medical system and health care delivery in our state. The life-saving contributions of our nurses for our communities cannot be overstated," said Sandré Swanson. "I am specifically appreciative of this endorsement as the proud son of a nurse who was able to provide for our family and retire with pension security because of the outstanding work of the California Nurses Association."

Sandré Swanson continued, "As the former Chair of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee and a strong supporter of working families I look forward to continued working relationship with nurses and other health care professionals in the Senate. The California Nurses Association have been unwavering in their support for accessible health care in our State. I'm deeply honored to have the support and endorsement of the California Nurses Association and their members."

CNA's endorsement is the latest in a series of major endorsements announced by Sandré Swanson's campaign

in recent weeks. Locked in a highly competitive battle for State Senate District 9, Swanson has lined up a number of exclusive early endorsements from prominent local and statewide leaders including Congresswoman Barbara Lee, State Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome Horton and Member Fiona Ma, incumbent State Senator Loni Hancock, Senator Tony Mendoza, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, the California School Employees Association, Teamsters Joint Council 7, and now the California Nurses Association. Swanson's deep roots in the district, impressive list of early supporters, and solid background of accomplishments have positioned him at the top of the field of candidates.

For more information please visit [sandreswanson.org](http://sandreswanson.org)

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Sandr  Swanson has spent his life championing civil rights issues, gender and workplace equality, empowering working families, and helping our youth live up to their full potential. Swanson served in the California State Assembly from 2006-2012, representing the communities of Oakland, Alameda, and Piedmont encompassed within the 9th Senate District. Prior to his service in elected office, Swanson served five years as Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Barbara Lee. Before that, he worked for 25 years as the District Director and Senior Policy Advisor for Congressman Ronald V. Dellums. He also served as Chair of the Alameda County Employee's Retirement Association, Chair of the Oakland Civil Service Commission, and Chair of the Oakland Re-Use and Redevelopment Authority.