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International Longshoremen and Warehouse Endorses Sandré Swanson for State Senate

ILWU: “Swanson is a champion for working people and is the clear choice for State Senate”

[Alameda, CA] – Former Assemblymember Sandré Swanson announced today that his campaign for State Senate has earned the endorsement of the International Longshoremen and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Local 6 and the Northern CA District Council-ILWU.

“On behalf of the ILWU’s Bay Area locals, Sandré Swanson is a champion for working people and is ILWU’s sole endorsed candidate for State Senate,” Northern CA District Council-ILWU President Melvin Mackay said. “Sandré is the only candidate in this race who has never waivered in his support of working people – he has put himself on the line time and again to fight for good jobs, living wages, and a secure retirement. The ILWU has worked side by side with Sandre Swanson for decades, and is proud to endorse his campaign.”

“My grandfather was a longshoremen, and it was the longshoremen’s union that ensured that he was able to raise his family into the middle class and have a secure retirement,” Swanson said. “It means the world to me to earn their support and I’m deeply honored to have their endorsement in my campaign for State Senate.”

The ILWU joins a growing coalition of widely respected high profile organizations and state and local leaders supporting Swanson for Senate that includes:

- Congresswoman Barbara Lee
- Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León
- Incumbent State Senator Loni Hancock
- State Senator Tony Mendoza, Chair, State Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee
- Assemblymember Rob Bonta
- Assemblymember Tony Thurmond
Sandré 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.