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San Pablo Mayor and Former Republican Senate Candidate Endorses Sandré Swanson for State Senate

[Alameda, CA] – Alameda, California- Sandré Swanson for State Senate campaign announced today the endorsement of San Pablo Mayor Richard Kinney. Mayor Kinney was the lone Republican in the June Primary election for the 9th Senate District seat.

"I believe Sandré Swanson is our better choice on the ballot for State Senate District 9. Sandré Swanson is a deeply dedicated leader who will always put East Bay families, our children's education, and encouraging a healthy business climate first. Though I am a Republican and he is a Democrat, we agree that our hardworking people must be able to keep more of their income to care for their families and expand the middle class,” Kinney said.

"I’m happy to endorse Sandré Swanson for State Senate 2016 along with the California Small Business Association because of his long history of support for small businesses, and their contribution to our state's economy, along with opportunities for good paying and sustainable jobs for our community."

Mayor Kinney concluded, "Let's stop the manipulation and control of special interest' big money campaign contributions by electing someone dedicated to 'We the People' and start the change we know we need and want to see. Vote Sandré Swanson for State Senate on November 8.

Sandré Swanson said he welcomes Mayor Kinney’s endorsement and active support of his campaign for State Senate. "Mayor Kinney has a long history of effective community service and I appreciate very much his support.’’

Kinney 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
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.