

# SANDRÉ SWANSON

DEMOCRAT FOR STATE SENATE

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## Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome Horton and Member Fiona Ma Endorse Sandré Swanson for Senate in District 9

*Swanson's campaign continues gain momentum with early endorsements  
from high profile state and local leaders*

**Alameda, CA** – Former East Bay Assemblymember Sandré Swanson's campaign for State Senate District 9 today announced winning endorsements from State Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome Horton and Board Member Fiona Ma.

“Sandré Swanson is the clear choice for State Senate,” said **Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome Horton**. “During tough economic times, then Assemblymember Swanson, lead the fight to create economic and job development in the East Bay and fought against devastating budget cuts that would have unfairly balanced the state budget on the back of working families, schools, seniors, and children.”

Chairman Jerome Horton has served on the California State Board of Equalization since 2009, becoming the first African-American in history to serve on the Board. With over twenty-one years of fiscal and public policy expertise as a business tax law specialist, Inglewood City Councilmember, and State Assemblymember; Chairman Horton has a reputation as a tireless advocate for taxpayers, having helped create the “Taxpayers’ Bill of Rights” and led efforts to promote accountability and transparency in government finances.



“Sandré Swanson has the fiscal expertise and proven track record we need in the State Senate,” State **Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma** said. “As a member of the Assembly Budget Committee, Sandré Swanson helped bring people together, built consensus, and passed budgets that put our state on the path to economic recovery.

**Member Ma continued**, “I had the opportunity to work closely with Sandré Swanson in the State Assembly. He is a man of conviction, who sticks to his principles and doesn’t back down from a tough decision or vote. East Bay families, small businesses, children, and seniors can count on Sandré. I’m proud to endorse his campaign for State Senate.”



Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2014, Fiona Ma previously served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and in the State Assembly. During her tenure in the Assembly Fiona Ma held key leadership positions including service as Majority Whip and Speaker pro Tempore. As a key part of the Assembly leadership, Ma played an instrumental role in balancing the state budget and passing landmark legislation on issues ranging from job growth to child and consumer safety.

“I am very proud to receive the endorsement of Chairman Horton and Member Ma, two highly respected and accomplished policy makers.” Sandré Swanson said. “Fiona Ma is a champion on the issue of child safety and Jerome Horton is a leading voice for sustainable job growth, supporting small businesses, and growing California’s middle-class. I thank them both for their endorsements and for joining our exciting campaign.”

Chairman Horton and Board Member Ma are the latest high profile elected leaders to back Sandré Swanson for State Senate. Since formerly launching his campaign, Swanson quickly earned exclusive support from incumbent Senator Loni Hancock, area Assemblymembers Rob Bonta and Tony Thurmond, and the California School Employees Association. These key endorsements from some of the most respected and popular leaders in the East Bay are a testament to Swanson’s expansive network of support within the district and have helped cement his position as a top-tier candidate in the race for the 9<sup>th</sup> State Senate District.

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

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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 for three decades as Senior Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff for legendary retired Congressman Ron Dellums and progressive powerhouse Congresswoman Barbara Lee.