

# SANDRÉ SWANSON

DEMOCRAT FOR STATE SENATE

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## Iconic East Bay Congresswoman Barbara Lee Endorses Sandré Swanson for State Senate

*Swanson's campaign continues to build momentum with a game changing endorsement from the hugely popular and respected East Bay leader*

**Alameda, CA** – Former East Bay Assemblymember Sandré Swanson announced today that he has received the endorsement of the East Bay's Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Congresswoman Lee is the fourth key elected official whose district is encompassed within the 9th Senate District to endorse Sandré Swanson. Congresswoman Lee rarely takes sides in competitive Democratic primaries, and her endorsement provides an immense boost to Swanson's campaign.



“Sandré Swanson and I first worked together as college students on Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm's Presidential campaign in 1972. Since that time I have enjoyed working with him on social and economic justice issues for our community.” said Congresswoman Barbara Lee “Sandré served as my Chief of Staff for five years and was a very valuable consult against war and for peaceful solution to world conflicts.”

“I am very impressed with his leadership and efforts as a Member of the Assembly to rescue the victims of Human Trafficking in our State. As a Member of the Assembly Budget Sub-Committee on Education and Finance he prioritized educational support for our youth, he has been a supporter of pre-school and more financial support for childcare and job assistance for our youth. **I am proud to give Sandré Swanson my endorsement and active support for his campaign for the California State Senate**”. Congresswoman Lee concluded.

“I am extremely appreciative of Congresswoman Lee's endorsement and her active support of our campaign for Senate,” said Sandré Swanson. “Congresswoman Lee is the conscience of the Congress and a champion for the underrepresented. I am honored that she is joining our campaign”

Congresswoman Lee 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 incumbent State Senator Loni Hancock, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, the California School Employees Association, and now Congresswoman Lee. With slightly under a year before the primary election, 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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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.