

# SANDRÉ SWANSON

DEMOCRAT FOR STATE SENATE

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## Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León Endorses Sandré Swanson for Senate District 9

*Swanson's campaign announces major year-end endorsement with  
Senate President pro Tem pledging his "full endorsement and support"*

**Alameda, CA** – In yet another clear signal of the growing wave momentum and support behind Sandré Swanson's campaign for State Senate District 9, his campaign today announced winning the endorsement of Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León.

"Sandré Swanson is the proven leader that California's working families need in the State Senate," said **Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León**. "Sandré has spent a lifetime fighting for justice, equality, and creating new opportunities for working people to succeed. I was honored to serve in the State Assembly with Sandré, where I saw his commitment and passion firsthand. He was a leader in passing landmark legislation against human trafficking, fought for budgets that weren't balanced on the back of the poor and elderly, and championed policies to help close the growing gulf between the rich and the poor. I'm proud to offer Sandré Swanson my full endorsement and support."



"I am humbled, honored, and energized by Senate President pro Tempore de León's endorsement of my campaign," said **Sandré Swanson**. "I had the pleasure of serving with Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León in the Assembly, where we worked together on so many important issues ranging from education and health care to job creation and the budget. We share a vision and commitment to building a more prosperous and just California for everyone. It is an honor to have his support and I look forward to working with him once again in the State Senate."

The announcement of support from Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León punctuates an impressive stretch of major endorsement announcements from the Swanson campaign.

Locked in what is widely viewed as one of the most competitive State Senate races in California, Swanson has lined up support from a venerable who's who of East Bay and Statewide leaders that includes:

- Congresswoman Barbara Lee
- State Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome Horton
- State Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma
- Incumbent State Senator Loni Hancock
- State Senator Tony Mendoza, Chair, State Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee
- Assemblymember Rob Bonta
- Assemblymember Tony Thurmond
- California School Employees Association
- California Nurses Association
- Teamsters Joint Council 7
- The California Legislative Black Caucus

Swanson's ability to assemble a coalition filled with high profile and widely respected leaders at such an early stage in the campaign highlight his strength, popularity, impressive track record, and deep network of support within the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate District, and have helped 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.