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Red to Blue California Endorses First Wave of Local Candidates
Sparking a Blue Wave at the Local Level

San Jose, CA – Today, April 25, Red to Blue California is announcing its first round of local endorsements for Anna Caballero for State Senate District 12, Melissa Hurtado for State Senate District 14, Michelle Duman for Assembly District 68, Joe Kerr for Orange County Supervisor, Frank Damrell for Stanislaus County Supervisor, Penny Newman for Riverside County Supervisor, Nelson Esparza in Fresno City Council, and Patrick Kolasinski for Stanislaus County District Attorney.

Red to Blue California is working to take back Congress in 2018 while building a democratic bench in swing areas of California. Endorsed candidates will receive hands on training in addition to traditional financial support.

“I’ve worked with candidates across California and look forward to helping ensure our endorsed candidates have a solid foundation with which to build their grassroots movement,” said Mehran Khodabandeh, Director of Development at Red to Blue California.

“By supporting local candidates and building the bench, Red to Blue will ensure that the blue wave continues beyond 2018. State and local officials can have a significant impact on people’s day to day lives, which is especially important because the Federal government under the Trump administration has abdicated its responsibility on clean air, access to a good education, and building infrastructure,” said Vince Rocha, Executive Director of Red to Blue California.

“These candidates are committed to fighting for communities of color and the underrepresented people in our state that are often left behind. By building our bench with these candidates who have grassroots support we will give voice to the voiceless and make our state a more equitable place,” said Mike Honda, Chair of Red to Blue California.

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