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Former California Congressman Mike Honda Named Chair of RED TO BLUE CALIFORNIA

Founder Michael Eggman to oversee day-to-day operations as group's president

MODESTO, CA – Today, Wednesday, September 6th, **RED TO BLUE CALIFORNIA**, the organization and Political Action Committee formed by two-time congressional nominee Michael Eggman, named former California Congressman Mike Honda as the organization's chair.

After spending his early childhood in an internment camp for Japanese Americans, Honda went on to have a dedicated career in public service. During his 16 years in the United States Congress, 4 years in California State Assembly and 15 years in local government Honda was praised for a record devoted to fighting for equality, speaking out against bigotry, and working for a better, more inclusive America for everyone.

"I could not be more proud to join Red to Blue California, an organization that is dedicated to ensuring that all Californians have representatives that share our values. In all my years of public service, I cannot think of a more critical time for us to stand up and fight for the values of equality, tolerance, and justice that we hold dear," said **former Congressman Mike Honda**. "Taking back Congress, starts right here in California. We must do everything we can to not only resist Donald Trump and a Republican Party that has been hijacked by extremists and white supremacists, but we must also elect candidates can proudly champion are shared progressive values."

Congressman Honda's position will be an advisory leadership role – helping to guide the activities of the organization. As Chair, Honda will also serve as a surrogate and liaison for Red to Blue California – building relationships and alliances with likeminded individuals and organizations around the state and country to further Red to Blue California's shared mission.

Eggman will assume the role of President of Red to Blue California and will continue to oversee the growth and day-to-day operations of the organization.

"Mike Honda is a progressive champion, plain and simple. I am thrilled to have him join the Red to Blue California team," said **Red to Blue California President Michael Eggman**. "Throughout his entire career, Congressman Honda has never forgot where he came from and has always fought to make California and our entire nation a more fair and just place to call home. I know with Mike's leadership and support, we are going to elect more progressive champions to Congress and to offices across California."



Launched in June of 2017, Red to Blue California is focused on defeating the seven incumbent California Congressmembers currently representing districts carried by Hillary Clinton in 2016. Additionally, Red to Blue California is committed to electing local Democratic leaders to offices that sit in any of these seven red districts in order to build a bench of future Democratic Party leaders.

To learn more about Red-to-Blue California visit www.redtoblueca.org.

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