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JACK O'CONNELL AND LOCAL EDUCATION LEADERS ENDORSE JOHN LAIRD FOR SENATE

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – John Laird, candidate for California State Senate representing District 17, today announced he has been endorsed by former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, who also previously served in the State Senate and Assembly representing San Luis Obispo County and the Central Coast. In addition to O'Connell, Laird announced endorsements from local education leaders including:

- Barbara George, Cuesta College/San Luis Obispo County Community College District Trustee
- Mary Strobridge, Cuesta College/San Luis Obispo County Community College District Trustee
- Mark Buchman, San Luis Coastal Unified School District Board of Education Trustee
- Chris Ungar, San Luis Coastal Unified School District Board of Education Trustee

“John Laird has demonstrated time and again that he knows how to stand up for public education, especially funding for K-12 and affordability for higher education,” said O'Connell. “John's commitment to education runs deep. He was raised by two California teachers, was educated in the UC system, served as an elected community college trustee and fought hard for public education while serving in the State Assembly. The Central Coast needs John in the State Senate and I'm proud to endorse him for the job.”

Mr. O'Connell's endorsement builds on previously announced endorsements by former State Superintendents of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin and Tom Torlakson.

For more about John Laird, visit www.LairdforCASenate.com or www.Facebook.com/LairdforCASenate/.

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