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## **SENATOR LAIRD ANNOUNCES CTA ENDORSEMENT**

SANTA CRUZ, CA –Senator John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) today announced he has earned the endorsement of the California Teachers Association in his bid for reelection to the California State Senate, representing the 17th District. Senator Laird was first elected to the State Senate in 2020. The primary election will be held March 5, 2024.

"Senator Laird is a champion for educators in California. He understands what it takes to truly make a difference," said David Goldberg, CTA President. "CTA is proud to recommend him for re-election and we look forward to working with him in the future to improve public education and strengthen our labor movement for all working people."

Senator Laird also announced additional endorsements, including: California School Employees Association AFL-CIO, CAL FIRE Local 2881, LGBTQ+ Victory Fund, Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte, and SEIU California.

### **About Senator Laird**

Prior to serving as Senator for the 17<sup>th</sup> District, John Laird served as California Secretary for Natural Resources by Governor Jerry Brown from 2011 to 2019. John also served as a member of the State Integrated Waste Management Board and taught state environmental policy at University of California Santa Cruz. John served as Assemblymember for the 27th District from 2002 to 2008. Prior to serving in the State Assembly, he was an elected member of the Cabrillo College Board of Trustees from 1994 to 2002. He also served as executive director of the Santa Cruz AIDS Project from 1991 to 1994. In 1981, John was elected to the Santa Cruz City Council. He was a two-term Santa Cruz mayor from 1983 to 1984 and from 1987 to 1988. The son of teachers and raised in Vallejo, John graduated with honors in politics from the University of California – Santa Cruz. He is a long-time resident of Santa Cruz, where he lives with his spouse, John Flores.

For more about Senator Laird, visit [LairdforCASenate.com](http://LairdforCASenate.com), [Facebook.com/LairdforCASenate/](https://Facebook.com/LairdforCASenate/), [instagram.com/lairdforcasenate/](https://instagram.com/lairdforcasenate/) or [twitter.com/Laird4CASenate](https://twitter.com/Laird4CASenate).

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