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LAIRD ENDORSED BY CA LEGISLATIVE LGBT CAUCUS AND BAYMEC

LGBT LEADERS ALSO ENDORSE LAIRD

SANTA CRUZ, CA – John Laird, who is running for State Senate District 17, today announced endorsements from the California Legislative LGBT Caucus, comprised of members of the California State Legislature, and BAYMEC (Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee), a four-county LGBT political action committee formed in 1984. Members of the LGBT Caucus include Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), Sen. Cathleen Galgiani (D-Stockton), Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), Asm. Sabrina Cervantes (D-Riverside), Asm. Susan Eggman (D-Stockton), Asm. Todd Gloria (D-San Diego), Asm. Evan Low (D-Campbell) and Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara (D-Long Beach).

Laird has also been endorsed by key LGBT leaders including former State Senator Mark Leno, former Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager, Santa Cruz City Council Member Donna Meyers and Cabrillo Community College District Trustee Adam Spickler.

Elected in 2002 as one of the first two openly gay male members of the Legislature, and re-elected in 2004 and 2006, John Laird served as chair of the LGBT Caucus and authored several bills signed into law that benefitted the LGBT community, including bills on school employee training for intolerance and hatred prevention, as well as bills designed to strengthen non-discrimination protections, and a bill to help fund county-supported clean needle and syringe exchange programs.

Prior to serving in the Assembly, Laird served eight years as a Cabrillo Community College District Trustee and two terms on the Santa Cruz City Council, including two terms as Mayor, in 1983 becoming one of the first openly gay mayors in America. He is also a founding board member of the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, and served as the agency's executive director.

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