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**State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson  
Endorses Assemblymember Betsy Butler for Re-election**

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson has announced his endorsement of Assemblymember Betsy Butler in her re-election campaign to the 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

“Assemblymember Butler is a true champion for education,” said Torlakson. “She has worked with me and the education community to improve our schools, ensuring we provide a quality education for all children in California.”

“We need leadership and commitment to education and Assemblymember Butler has demonstrated her ability to address the tough challenges our public schools face,” continued Torlakson. “Like me, Betsy wants to ensure that every child has a safe environment in which to learn and that our teachers and school professionals have the resources they need to effectively prepare our children for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

“As a member of the Assembly Education Committee, I have had the opportunity to work closely with state Superintendent Torlakson and am honored to have his support,” Assemblymember Butler said. “We share a strong commitment to providing the best education possible to kids across the state.”

Assemblywoman Butler, who also serves on the California Commission for Economic Development, emphasized that we must link education with jobs. “During these difficult economic times, it is essential that we provide students with the skills they need to succeed and adapt to our changing economy,” Butler explained. “We need to educate our children today for the jobs they will have tomorrow. This is why Tom

Torlakson and I joined together in support of legislation recently signed into law that will align high school curriculum with high-demand jobs in the clean energy field,” Butler continued. “To me, education policy is about looking to the future, the new economy and providing our children with the skills they need to succeed in their future. This is one of the reasons that I am seeking re-election to the Assembly, so I can continue to prepare our children who are the building blocks of tomorrow's economy.”

Assemblymember Betsy Butler was elected to the California State Assembly in 2010 and is seeking re-election in the 50th Assembly District. Butler's work has focused on fighting for consumers, advocating for working families and protecting the environment. In the State Assembly, she serves on the Assembly Budget Committee, the Budget Sub-Committee on Resources and Transportation, the Committees on Business and Professions; Education; Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media; and Rules.

For a complete list of endorsements, visit Betsy's website @ [betsybutler.com](http://betsybutler.com)