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**Legislative LGBT Caucus Endorses
Assemblymember Betsy Butler for Re-election**

The campaign to re-elect Assemblymember Betsy Butler to the California State Assembly announced the unanimous endorsement of the California Legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender (LGBT) Caucus.

Initially formed in 2002, the Legislative LGBT Caucus works on issues involving LGBT Californians, furthering the goal of equality and justice for all. The formation of the LGBT Caucus made California the first state in the country to recognize an official caucus of openly-LGBT state legislators. The caucus is currently chaired by Senator Christine Kehoe, with other members including Assembly Speaker John Pérez, Senator Mark Leno, and Assemblymembers Tom Ammiano, Toni Atkins, Richard Gordon and Ricardo Lara.

“The Legislative LGBT Caucus is proud to endorse Assemblymember Betsy Butler for re-election,” said Senator Kehoe, Caucus Chair. “As a Board Member of Equality California, vocal opponent of Proposition 8 and someone who has raised tens of thousands of dollars and worked tirelessly to help elect LGBT leaders in California, there is no better choice for the LGBT community than Betsy Butler. Betsy has spent decades supporting us and now it is time for us to stand with her.”

“It was no surprise that the Legislative LGBT Caucus offered our unanimous support to Betsy Butler,” said Senator Leno. “Betsy has been an unflinching advocate for LGBT Californians during her time in the Assembly and throughout her career. She is a steadfast champion for equal rights and we need her as an ally in the Legislature.”

“Betsy Butler’s record on LGBT issues is flawless,” said Assemblymember Lara. “She is an activist and fighter for LGBT causes in Los Angeles and throughout the state and merits our enthusiastic support.”

Assembly Speaker John Pérez calls Assemblymember Butler “one of the most hard working and committed members in the Assembly.” Perez further stated, “I am counting on her experience in the State Assembly to help improve the future for all Californians.”

“I am proud to have the support of the Legislative LGBT Caucus,” said Butler. “For over twenty years I have had the privilege of working with leaders of the LGBT community throughout the country and in California on issues of fairness and equality. I look forward to continuing to work with the LGBT Caucus to ensure equal rights in California.”

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 www.betsybutler.com.