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State's Largest Women's Group PAC Endorses Candidates Good for Women

(Sacramento, November 1, 2006---) The California National Organization for Women Political Action Committee (CA NOW PAC) released its full slate of endorsements for the November 7 election, encouraging CA NOW's 100,000 members and donors to place their vote for women and men who will use their office to promote women's rights.

CA NOW PAC president, Dr. Kimberly Salter, said, "This is a critical election for women and women's rights. There is a big turnover and we have to make sure the spots vacated by women, are filled with women who will work to promote equality and fight discrimination against women. There is only one woman on the executive ticket, and that's Debra Bowen for Secretary of State. It is imperative that she win that seat." Salter added, "We must also defeat Proposition 85, opposed by women's groups, parents, doctors, health care groups and almost every major California newspaper. It is an unabashed attempt to undermine Roe v Wade and I'm confident that Californians will vote it down, as they did the last time [with proposition 73]."

In addition to Bowen for Secretary of State, the CA NOW PAC endorses Phil Angelides for Governor, John Garamendi for Lieutenant Governor, John Chiang for Controller, and Bill Lockyer for Treasurer, and Betty Yee and Judy Chu for State Board of Equalization.

In the State Senate races, the CA NOW PAC endorsed Pat Wiggins in the 2nd district, Darrell Steinberg in the 6th, Leland Yee in the 8th, Ellen Corbett in the 10th, Gil Cedillo in the 22nd, Gloria Romero in the 24th, Mark Ridley-Thomas in the 26th, Jenny Oropeza in the 28th, Ron Calderon in the 30th, and Gloria Negrete McLeod in the 32nd.

For State Assembly, the CA NOW PAC endorsed Patty Berg in the 1st district, Jared Huffman in the 6th, Noreen Evans in the 7th, Lois Wolk in the 8th, Dave Jones in the 9th, Mark DeSaulnier in the 11th, Fiona Ma in the 12th, Mark Leno in the 13th, Loni Hancock in the 14th, Sandré Swanson in the 16th, Mary Hayashi in the 18th, Gene Mullin in the 19th, Alberto Torrico in the 20th, Ira Ruskin in the 21st, Sally Lieber in the 22nd, Jim Beall in the 24th, John Laird in the 27th, Anna Caballero in the 28th, Pedro Nava in the 35th, Ferial Masry in the 37th, Lyn Shaw in the 38th, Richard Alarcon in the 39th, Lloyd Levine in the 40th, Julia Brownley in the 41st, Mike Feuer in the 42nd, Paul Krekorian in the 43rd, Kevin de León in the 45th, Fabian Núñez in the 46th, Karen Bass in the 47th, Hector De La Torre in the 50th, Mervyn Dymally in the 52nd, Betty Karnette in the 54th, Nell Soto in the 61st, Laurel Nicholson in the 66th, Lori Saldaña in the 76th, and Mary Salas in the 79th.

On the Propositions, the CA NOW PAC supports 1C, 1D, 87 and 89, and opposes proposition 85.

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