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*Action follows successful primary campaign  
and ratification by state labor organization*

## Leading Labor Organization Endorses Jovanka Beckles for California Assembly

Martinez, August 27, 2018 – Contra Costa’s leading labor organization and political powerhouse has endorsed Jovanka Beckles for State Assembly. The Richmond Councilwoman earned active support from 80,000 working families based on her track record of standing up to corporations, opposing the epidemic of wage theft, and supporting renters.

“We saw how impactful our organizing program was in the Primary, in electing a District Attorney outside the old boys’ club. Now we focus on the Assembly seat and making sure our representative understands worker issues and will fight effectively in Sacramento,” said executive director Margaret Hanlon-Gradie.

The democratic endorsement process involved rank and file members from diverse industries, including manufacturing, education, health care, construction, transportation, and other sectors, and in partnership with the sister organization in Alameda County, which shares the 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

**“Jovanka Beckles is the best choice for working families because of her track record of supporting protections for working families – making sure corporations don’t short our paychecks, fighting to expand access to quality healthcare, and ensuring housing for people at all income levels.**

“Our members spoke up loud and clear. In Contra Costa County, we know who has been with us when it counts, and that’s Jovanka Beckles – so we are proud to stand with her in this race,” said Hanlon-Gradie.

The Council plans a comprehensive program of member education, mobilization and get-out-the-vote activities. The Contra Costa Labor Council has been recognized for its electoral campaign performance.

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