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Environmental Leaders Support Assemblymember Besty Butler

The campaign to re-elect Assemblymember Betsy Butler to the California State Assembly today announced the support of leaders throughout the environmental community.

“Betsy is an inspiring environmental champion,” said Ed Begley Jr., an actor, environmental activist and former Chairman of the Environmental Media Association and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. “Assemblymember Butler has proven how effective she can be passing new laws to protect our environment and our health. We must re-elect her to the Assembly.”

In addition to Begley Jr., Assemblymember Butler is supported by an impressive list of people who have dedicated their personal and professional lives to advancing progress in the environmental movement. To date, Assemblymember Butler has been endorsed by:

Ed Begley Jr., Actor/Environmental Activist, Terry Tamminen, Former Secretary California EPA , Nancy Stephens, Union of Concerned Scientists*, Fran Diamond, LA Regional Water Quality Board*, Mary Nichols, Chair, CA Air Resources Board* ,David Nahai, Environmental and Community Leader, Felicia Marcus, Western Director, Natural Resources Defense Council*, Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, Vice President, Los Angeles Board of Public Works*, Joe Lyou, Executive Director, Coalition for Clean Air, Tim Carmichael, Former President and CEO, Coalition for Clean Air*, Mary Lueveno, Global Green*, Marlene Grossman, Co-Founder, Pacoima Beautiful, among others. (*Titles for identification purposes only.)

“Betsy’s passionate advocacy on behalf of the environment spans her entire career,” said Tamminen, who previously served as Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency. “With Betsy in the Assembly, we can rest assured that a committed environmentalist is standing up to polluters on our behalf.”

Prior to her election to the Assembly, Butler’s experience includes working for the California League of Conservation Voters and the Environmental Defense Fund. Butler helped create communities of support for strategic environmental movements, including carbon emission standard changes, water conservation and habitat protection policies.

Most recently, Assemblymember Butler achieved one of the goals that initially motivated her to run for State Assembly when Governor Brown signed into law AB 1319, the Toxin-Free Infants and Toddlers Act, which will ban the use of Bisphenol-A (BPA) in baby bottles and sippy cups. BPA is widely considered a health hazard linked to early puberty, childhood obesity, breast cancer, autism, hyperactivity and other long-term medical problems.

“The success Betsy experienced with her landmark toxic chemical ban of BPA in baby bottles and sippy cups in just her first year in the Assembly is inspiring but not surprising – Betsy has always been a strong leader in speaking for those without a voice and protecting our health and the environment,” said Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board* Chairperson Fran Diamond.

A resident of the coastal Los Angeles area for over twenty years, Assemblymember Butler has been active in local grassroots organizations promoting sustainable and responsible development in neighborhoods and communities.

“Betsy understands that clean air, clean water and a thriving economy go hand-in-hand,” said Joe Lyou,

Executive Director of the Coalition for Clean Air. “With our state’s leaders rightly focusing on creating jobs, it is incredibly important that we have a proven leader like Assemblymember Butler at the table to ensure we are creating jobs by investing in a healthy environment.”

“I am honored to have the support of so many dedicated environmentalists, people with whom I have worked for years to protect and promote a healthy environment,” said Butler. “There is very important work yet to be done in Sacramento and I am looking forward to continuing to work with this amazing group of leaders to achieve our shared goals.”

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.

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