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**ASSEMBLYMEMBER BETSY BUTLER ANNOUNCES  
FOR RE-ELECTION IN 50<sup>th</sup> STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

Assemblymember Betsy Butler has announced that she is seeking re-election to the California State Assembly.

“I am excited to be running in the newly drawn California State 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District,” said Butler. “I look forward to continuing my work in the State Assembly where I have been fighting for consumers, advocating for working families and protecting the environment.”

By law, redistricting occurs every ten years after completion of the U.S. Census. As a result of new maps drawn by the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, Assemblymember Butler's current district, AD 53, was split up across three of the new Assembly districts, AD 62, AD 66 and AD 50.

Assemblymember Butler currently lives in the new Assembly District 62, which is also represented by Assemblymember Steven Bradford. Since Betsy isn't going to run against Assemblymember Bradford, she has chosen to move to Assembly District 50, which gives her the best opportunity to be an effective advocate for her constituents and the issues she has spent her career fighting for.

Assembly Speaker John Pérez calls Assemblymember Butler “one of the most hard working and committed members in the State Assembly.” Perez further stated, “Betsy is a champion for consumers and working families. As the incumbent running in the 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, I am counting on her experience in the State Assembly to help improve the future for all Californians.”

This past week, Assemblymember Butler achieved one of the goals that motivated her to run for office. Her legislation, the Toxin-Free Infants and Toddler Act, which will ban the use of Bisphenol-A (BPA) in baby bottles and sippy cups, has been approved by both houses of the Legislature and sent to the Governor for signature. “I have spent my career fighting to ensure that everyone has a voice in our governmental process,” Assemblymember Butler said. “That means standing up to chemical companies and other corporations to ensure that kids and families are protected.”

Rick Zbur, Board Chair for the California League of Conservation Voters, said, “Betsy is a dedicated advocate for our coast and the environment. She is someone we can count on in the State Assembly to fight with us, even when it means standing up to chemical companies and other well funded interests.”

Assemblymember Butler's involvement in environmental issues spans her entire career, which includes the time she spent working for the California League of Conservation

Voters and the Environmental Defense Fund.

Today, Betsy serves on the board of Equality California. She previously served as president of the National Women's Political Caucus (LA Westside Chapter) and as the Director of Development for the Consumer Attorneys of California.

The Mayor of West Hollywood, John Duran, said, "For nearly three decades Betsy has been fighting for equality and justice. She's a dedicated advocate and a good friend who will ensure that those without a voice are heard in Sacramento."

Alex Rooker, Vice Chair of the California Democratic Party, said, "Betsy will fight for working families, a quality education for all kids and good jobs for every Californian."

Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca commended Assemblymember Butler's legislative work, saying, "Betsy and I have worked together to achieve innovative ways to solve law enforcement issues and involve everyone in the fight for public safety. She is someone law enforcement can trust."

"I am deeply honored to have the support of so many respected community and statewide leaders," Butler said.

Among those who have endorsed her for election to the 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District are: Assembly Speaker John Pérez; Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg; Assemblymembers Steven Bradford, Julia Brownley, Ricardo Lara, Mike Eng and Holly Mitchell; California Board of Equalization members Betty Yee and Jerome Horton; Los Angeles County Sheriff Leroy Baca; Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel; Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz; Malibu City Councilmember Sharon Barovsky (Ret.); West Hollywood Mayor John Duran and West Hollywood City Councilmember John D'Amico and Jeff Prang.

Some of Assemblymember Butler's additional endorsements include: the Legislative LGBT Caucus; the Legislative Women's Caucus; Raymond Cordova, Chair South County Labor, AFL-CIO; Rick Zbur, Board Chair, California League of Conservation Voters; Fran Diamond, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; Mary Nichols, Chair, California Air Resources Control Board; Alex Rooker, Vice Chair, California Democratic Party; Cathy Unger, Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project and Women's Political Committee.

"The 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District provides a real opportunity for a candidate with a progressive agenda who wants to advance California's laws for fairness and justice, equal access to education for all, environmental and consumer protection and good jobs for working families," said Assemblymember Butler. "These are the core values that I share with our community. I look forward to continuing to advocate for these ideals if I am fortunate enough to be elected to a second term in the legislature."

Butler's campaign team includes Lindsay Bubar, Campaign Manager; Gale Kaufman and

Lisa Gasperoni, campaign consultants, Paul Goodwin, pollster and Tracy Zeluff with Groundworks Campaigns.

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