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## **California League of Conservation Voters Endorses**

### **Assemblymember Betsy Butler for Re-election**

The California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV) has announced their endorsement of Assemblymember Betsy Butler for re-election to the California State Assembly. Butler received a score of 100% for her votes on environmental legislation in CLCV's recently-released 2011 Environmental Scorecard.

"The California League of Conservation Voters is proud to endorse Assemblymember Betsy Butler for re-election," said Rick Zbur, CLCV Board Chair. "CLCV has worked with leaders in the legislature for over three decades. In that time, we have never seen a leader so effectively tackle the hard fought issues Assemblymember Betsy Butler did in her first year and with so much success. Betsy is a true environmental champion we can count on."

Assemblymember Butler has been focused on environmental issues for more than two decades. Prior to serving in the Assembly, Betsy worked for CLCV as well as the Environmental Defense Fund, helping to create communities of support for strategic environmental movements, including carbon emission standard changes, water conservation and habitat protection policies.

"Betsy's commitment to the environment spans her entire career and it is clear that the environment has been a priority in her first term in the legislature," said David Allgood, CLCV Political Director. "Betsy Butler is the best choice for the environment and for California."

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. The law bans the use of the toxic chemical 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. Banning BPA in children's feeding containers was a high priority for CLCV this year.

"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 Fran Diamond, CLCV Board Member.

“I am honored to have the support of the California League of Conservation Voters,” said Butler. “The environment is, and always has been, one of my top priorities. We must remain ever vigilant in protecting our natural resources and I look forward to continuing my work with CLCV and environmental leaders across the state to ensure we are investing in the environment and healthy communities.”

Assemblymember Betsy Butler was elected to the California State Assembly in 2010 and is seeking reelection 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](http://www.betsybutler.com)

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