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State Senate

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Why are you running for State Senate and why should we endorse you?

Scott Weiner

I am a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, representing the Castro, Glen Park, Noe Valley, Diamond Heights, Twin Peaks, Duboce Triangle, Buena Vista, Corona Heights, and parts of the Mission. I serve on the Board's Land Use and Economic Development Committee. I am a leader on local and regional transportation, housing, and environmental policy, serving as Chairman of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and representing San Francisco on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, and the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

Before being elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2010, I served as a Deputy City Attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, where I represented San Francisco in court (ranging from trial courts to the United States Supreme Court) and supervised a team of trial attorneys. I served as Chairman of the San Francisco Democratic Party and I am currently an elected member of the Democratic County Central Committee.

As a leader in San Francisco's LGBT community, I co-chaired the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, co-chaired BALIF (the Bay Area's LGBT bar association), co-chaired the LGBT Community Center, and served on the national board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign.

I received a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a law degree from Harvard Law School. I also spent a year in Chile on a Fulbright Scholarship doing historical research. I have lived in the Castro neighborhood for nearly 20 years. I believe public service is the highest calling. Government, when run well, can make concrete differences in people's lives. For instance, public education has been the pathway to achieve the American Dream. A vibrant public transportation system can transport people efficiently from home to work in an environmentally healthy manner. Government can ensure housing stability and access to healthcare. All of these issues and more are important to me.

I will strive to leave California in better shape when my political career is done.

Jane Kim

For decades, the Bay Area's strength has been in the diversity of innovators, immigrants, artists, and entrepreneurs who call the region home. But in recent years, many no longer feel they can afford to stay in the region. We are in grave danger of losing the backbone of the Bay Area — our middle-class families.

I'm running for State Senate District 11 to fight to keep the region affordable for the very people who make the Bay Area the place everyone wants to call home. I represent a compassionate vision — one that believes we must do more to lift families out of poverty and to protect families struggling to stay ahead.

Housing the homeless, building more affordable housing, creating good paying jobs, relieving traffic gridlock, and providing educational opportunities are all statewide issues. The communities of San Francisco, Colma, Daly City, and South San Francisco deserve a tireless and proven advocate in Sacramento. And my record demonstrates that I am an effective and committed legislator.

I have endeavored to bring our diverse communities together and empower our constituents to advocate for their neighborhoods, involving residents in every step of the legislative and government process. I currently represent one of the most diverse districts in San Francisco. I represent the poorest residents of San Francisco, as well as the current wealthiest zip code in San Francisco. My district is also comprised of one of the largest Filipino communities in the city, a key constituency in the SD11 race, and it is the only district in the city that has an increasing population of African Americans. And I have deep ties and a history of working successfully with the growing Chinese-American and Latino communities.

The communities of San Francisco, Colma, Daly City, and South San Francisco deserve a true advocate in Sacramento, and I am committed to advocating and legislating for this diverse constituency.