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To: CBHDA Members

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After the 2018 General Election and Assemblymember Maienschein reregistering, Democrats secured 61 seats to the Republicans 19 in the California State Assembly. In the Senate, Democrats expanded their lead to control 29 seats to Republicans 11. The Democrats reclaimed the supermajority in the Senate and expanded it to a 76% control supermajority in the Assembly. With this election, there are eight new Legislators in the Assembly and nine new Legislators in the Senate. This memo highlights the new legislators, their background, potential policy focuses of each member, and their relevant committee assignments. Please contact me if you have any questions.

California State Assembly:

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, District 16 (D). Rebecca Bauer-Kahan unseated incumbent Catherine Baker (R) in this East Bay Area district, removing the last Republican Assemblymember in the Bay Area. Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan is an environmental law attorney and law professor at Santa Clara University and Golden Gate University. Bauer-Kahan ran on a campaign of education, improving transportation options and assuring balanced budgets.

Assemblymember Tasha Boerner Horvath, District 76 (D). Assemblymember Boerner Horvath joins the Assembly after being a city councilmember in Encinitas, a city in northern San Diego County. Prior to being a city councilmember, she was a Planning Commissioner in Encinitas from June 2015-December 2016. Assemblymember Boerner Horvath won Rocky Chavez’s (R) seat who ran for the 49th Congressional District, vacated by retiring Congressman Darrell Issa (R). Boerner Horvath ran on a campaign to keep neighborhoods safe, protecting the natural environment and helping San Diego County’s businesses grow.

Assemblymember Tyler Diep, District 72 (R). Assemblymember Diep takes the seat of Travis Allen (R) who earlier in 2018 ran for California’s Governor but did not make it past the June Primary. Assemblymember Diep was a Westminster City councilmember and Vice Mayor. Tyler Diep ran on a campaign to provide quality public safety, reform the state budget and repeal the
Gas Tax. Assemblymember Diep is a member of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, Assembly Public Safety Committee, and Assembly Rules Committee.

Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, District 74 (D). Assemblymember Petrie-Norris unseated Republican two-term Assemblymember Matthew Harper (R). Petrie-Norris is a buisness leader and community member. She served on the Laguna Beach Democrats Club and Laguna Beach City Housing and Human Services Committee. Petrie-Norris priorities include good schools, good jobs, affordable healthcare and protecting the environment. She is a member of the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assemblymember James Ramos, District 40 (D). Assemblymember Ramos unseated Assemblymember Marc Steinnorth (R). He was a member of San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors since 2012. Ramos was the First Native American on the Board of Supervisors, appointed to the state board of Education in 2011, was a member of CSAC Exec Committee and chairman of CSAC’s Housing, Land Use and Transportation Committee. Ramos’s priorities in coming to the California State Assembly include economic development, tackling homelessness, improving education and working with public safety to keep communities safe. Assemblymember Ramos is a member of the Assembly Budget Committee, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services and Assembly Health Committee.

Assemblymember Robert Rivas, District 30 (D). Assemblymember Rivas replaces the termed out Assemblymember Anna Caballero (D), who ran and won Senate District 12. Rivas was a member of San Benito County Board of Supervisors, most recently as the Chair of the Board. Robert Rivas comes to the Assembly and will focus on jobs, roads and transportation, housing, education, agriculture and the environment.

Assemblymember Christy Smith, District 38 (D). Assemblymember Smith is a former school board member of Newhall School Board and chair of the school bond campaign. Assemblymember Smith flipped Dante Acosta’s (R) seat. This was the second time that the two had ran against each other. Her priorities include public safety, education, women and families, healthcare and climate and the environment. Assemblymember Smith is a member of the Assembly Education Committee.

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, District 15 (D). Assemblymember Wicks is grass roots organizer as part of Obama 2008 and 2012 campaigns. She was a part of the Obama Administration in Office of Public Engagement. Assemblymember Buffy Wicks takes the seat of Tony Thurmond (D) who ran successfully to become the California Superintendent of Public Instruction. Buffy Wicks priorities include tackling the housing crisis, boosting funding for public education and healthcare for all. Assemblymember Wicks is a member of the Assembly Public Safety Committee.
California State Senate:

**Senator Bob Archuleta, District 32 (D).** Senator Archuleta is a veteran and former mayor of Pico Rivera. He serves on Los Angeles County Library Commission and US Army Advisory Board. Senator Archuleta takes the seat of Senator Vanessa Delgado (D), who won the special election for the seat in June 2018 to serve the remainder of Tony Mendoza’s (D) term, but did not win the primary.

**Senator Andreas Borgeas, District 8 (R).** Prior to joining the California State Senate, he was on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and previously on Fresno City Council. Senator Borgeas takes the seat of termed out Senator Berryhill (R). His issues include repealing the gas tax, protecting Proposition 13 and protecting families. Senator Borgeas is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Senator Anna Caballero, District 12 (D).** Senator Caballero comes to the Senate after serving in the California State Assembly. She joined City Council in Salinas in 1991 then was the first female mayor in 1998. Senator Caballero flipped the seat of Anthony Cannella (R), who was termed out. Her priorities in the Senate include education, reducing gang violence and crime, affordable housing, and reforming healthcare. Senator Caballero is a member of the Senate Housing and Senate Judiciary Committees.

**Senator Maria Elena Durazo, District 24 (D).** Senator Durazo takes the seat of former Pro Tempore Kevin de Leon’s office. She was the Vice President for UNITE HERE International Union which represents more than 270,000 hospitality workers in the U.S and Canada. She was the Executive Vice President of the Executive Council of AFL-CIO and vice chair of the DNC since 2013. She is a labor advocate. Senator Durazo is a member of the Senate Health, Senate Education, Senate Housing, and Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committees.

**Senator Shannon Grove, District 16 (R).** Senator Grove is a former member of the US Army. She cofounded Continental Labor Staffing Resources with her sister. She was elected to the Assembly and served between 2010 and 2016. She takes the seat of termed out Jean Fuller (R). Her priorities include reducing red tape for small businesses, defending those with developmental disabilities and prioritizing water access for Kern, Tulare and San Bernardino counties. Senator Shannon Grove is a member of the Senate Health and Senate Housing Committees.

**Senator Melissa Hurtado, District 14 (D).** Senator Hurtado joins the California State Senate after serving in the Sanger City Council. Senator Hurtado won over incumbent Senator Andy Vidak (R), flipping the seat. Her priorities include access to healthcare, quality schools, good paying jobs and the opportunity for a better life. Senator Hurtado serves as the chair of the Human Services Committee, and a member of Senate Health, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, and Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services Committees.
Senator Brian Jones, District 38 (R). Senator Jones spent six years in the Assembly from 2010 - 2016. He is replacing termed out Senator Anderson (R). He is a former member of Santee City Council and former Chair of California Assembly Republican Caucus. His focus includes pro-jobs policies, government reform and lower taxes. He is a member of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

Senator Susan Rubio, District 22 (D). Senator Rubio was a fourth-grade teacher with 17 years in the career and an immigrant. She served as city councilmember for Baldwin Park since 2009. She takes the seat of Ed Hernandez (D) who ran and lost the Lieutenant Governor seat. Her priorities include protecting women's rights, creating urban renewal programs, making neighborhoods safe and safeguarding the environment. Senator Rubio is a member of the Senate Health Committee.

Senator Thomas Umberg, District 34 (D). Senator Umberg is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, former assemblymember, small business owner and the Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under President Bill Clinton. Senator Umberg flipped the seat of Janet Nguyen (R) in Orange County. His priorities in the Senate include protecting the Affordable Care Act and expanding access to health care, public safety and advocating for small businesses. Senator Umberg is a member of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.