

Press Announcement For Immediate Release

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Former Assemblymember Swanson Running For State Senate

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Former Oakland Assemblymember Sandré Swanson authorized his campaign committee’s filing of paper work to open his account to run for the new California Senate 7th District.

As Chair of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee, Swanson led the legislature in the passing of critical laws to protect our children from human traffickers - some as young as 12 years old. Swanson said “I felt it was very important to rescue our children from being victims of this criminal enterprise that is funding crime in our community. I would like to continue our work for the safety of our children”.

Asked why he is running for the State Senate, Swanson said, “I am running for the California State Senate 7th District because I have a record of demonstrated success with improving the quality of life for the people of our district. I am passionately offering my candidacy because I am qualified to serve by years of experience and ability to pursue my legislative priorities, to maximize resources for the education of our children and to ensure accessible Healthcare. I support affordable Housing, advocate for small business growth, strategies for a clean and safe environment and most importantly **I would like to solve` the growing homeless crisis in our community.”**

Swanson in the Assembly stood nearly alone against leaderships proposal to eliminate redevelopment monies from cities like Oakland and Richmond. Swanson said “it was important for the inner city to fight to keep redevelopment programs for affordable housing, Senior housing and to fight homelessness. I warned my colleagues in real time that the elimination of redevelopment funds would lead to more homeless and a growing housing crisis”. Swanson continued by saying **“History has shown that my hard-fought opposition to the elimination of redevelopment funds was right. I would like an opportunity in the Senate to fix our current housing and homeless problems. It is a moral imperative that we solve the *growing homeless crisis in our California cities and regional parks*. Homeless encampments are growing in our communities”**. Swanson said **“We have lost control of our parks for our children, the health of our environment is at risk, and a criminal element is attacking the vulnerable unhoused, particularly women and children. I would like to go to our state capitol to end this crisis and, lead the effort”**.

Swanson served in the State Assembly from 2006 to 2012 and represented the cities of Oakland, Alameda and Piedmont. Swanson concluded by saying that “I have already represented half of the voters in this new district very successfully for three terms as a member of the Assembly”.

Swanson who was a popular Chair of the Labor and Employment Committee in the Assembly, commented, “I never compromised my principles during the hard fights and sponsored laws that improved the quality of life in our community. I sponsored laws for workplace safety and wage protection. I led efforts to protect pensions for retirement security and have always supported our ongoing equal pay for equal work campaign”.

More information about the Swanson for State Senate campaign and Assemblymember Swanson’s bills that are now California Law can be found by visiting www.sandreswanson.net

Note:(Following the States scheduled ten-year redrawing of election districts. The new California 7th Senate District Includes the cities of Oakland, Alameda, Piedmont, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond, East Richmond Heights, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Tara Hills, Pinole, Rodeo and Hercules and there will be no incumbent).

