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Candidate Anthony Willoughby Receives Key Endorsements

(Los Angeles) -48th Assembly District candidate, Anthony Willoughby, was recently endorsed by the California Nurses Association (CNA) as well as the Association of Community Organizations For Reform Now (ACORN).

"We believe Anthony Willoughby is the best candidate for the 48th Assembly District," said Deborah Burger, RN, President, CNA. "His views on health, labor and women's issues, are consistent with those of registered nurses."

Founded in 1903, the California Nurses Association represents over 65,000 members in 165 facilities throughout California, and thousands more across the country through the National Nurses Organizing Committee, founded by CNA. They are the largest and fastest-growing organization of direct care Registered Nurses in the country and are dedicated to providing a voice for nurses and a vision for healthcare.

In endorsing Willoughby's candidacy, ACORN's Political Action Director, Peter Kuhns, said, "Willoughby will be a strong advocate for low and moderate income families in their campaigns to increase wages, gain better access to healthcare, improve the academic achievement in public schools and promote neighborhood safety.

ACORN, with its high level of community activism and support, has 850 chapters in 75 cities in North America, Peru and the Dominican Republic. Since 1970, the organization has worked for social justice and stronger communities, in tandem with other community organizations.

Willoughby's platform reflects his interests in universal pre-school, increasing the percentage of fully credentialed elementary and secondary school teachers in inner-city schools, exploring a partnership between high schools and community colleges, to offer vocational programs, and finding creative ways to fund healthcare. As a former minimum wage earner, he is also interested in increasing the minimum wage to enable residents to earn a "living wage."

He has been endorsed by Assemblymen Mark Ridley Thomas and Mervyn Dymally; Los Angeles County District Attorney, Steve Cooley; Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL/CIO; Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS); American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG); former Speaker of the Assembly, Bob Hertzberg; former Assemblywoman, Gwen Moore; and former LAUSD Board Members Barbara Boudreaux and Genethia Hayes.

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