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48th Assembly District Candidate Anthony Willoughby Receives Endorsements from Key Organizations

(Los Angeles) - - Anthony Willoughby's bid to become the next Assemblyman for the 48th District, received the endorsement of key organizations last week.

New supporters include the California State Employees Association, (CSEA); the United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 5 and Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project (PPAP) of Los Angeles.

CSEA, represents 140,000 active and retired state civil service and university employees. Its president, J.J. Jelincic, said, "Despite years of stagnating wages endured by public sector working families, and despite the assault on our health care and pension benefits, we remain loyal to the people of California whom we daily serve. That is why we need strong advocates like you who value California state civil service employees and retirees who understand the critical role we play and who appreciate our service to the people of this state."

Susan Dunlap of the PPAP said, "Most Americans agree that women and their families – not the government – should make personal decisions about when and whether to have a child. You have demonstrated that you support these ideals and for this we support your candidacy."

UAW has more than 36,000 active and 16,000 retired members in California representing various industries, including automobile, aerospace and agricultural. It's members also work for colleges and universities, hospitals and non-profit organizations..

Willoughby has also 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); the California Nurses Association (CNA); the Association of Community Organizations For Reform Now (ACORN); former Speaker of the Assembly, Bob Hertzberg; former Assemblywoman, Gwen Moore; and former LAUSD Board Members Barbara Boudreaux and Genethia Hayes.