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Fresno Democrats Announce Local Endorsements

FRESNO—The Fresno County Democratic Party has completed its first round of local endorsements for the 2018 fall election.

“We have a strong ticket this year with outstanding candidates at every level,” says Michael D. Evans, chair of the Fresno County Democratic Party. “Although we must make some difficult choices when we make endorsements, particularly in races with more than one Democrat, the persons receiving our endorsement have shown their capability to deliver for our communities.”

The local endorsements are as follows:

- State Center Community College District Trustee Area 4: **Magdalena Gomez**
- Fresno City Council District 3: **Miguel Arias**
- Fresno Unified School District Trustee Area 1: **Robert Fuentes**
- Fresno Unified School District Trustee Area 4: **Veva Islas**
- Fresno Unified School District Trustee Area 7: **Nasreen Johnson**
- Firebaugh City Council: **Felipe Perez**
- Kingsburg City Council District 1: **Jewel Hurtado**

The following endorsements for the Primary Election roll over to the General Election:

- Fresno City Council District 5—**Luis Chavez**
- Fresno City Council District 7—**Nelson Esparza**
- Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector—**Oscar J. Garcia**

A candidate receives the party’s endorsement by securing support from 60% of the Fresno County Democratic Central Committee membership present and voting at an Endorsement Caucus.

The Fresno County Democratic Party also has endorsed Measure P, the Fresno for Parks ballot initiative.

Endorsements for state and federal races are done by the California Democratic Party. The endorsed Democratic candidates in races for our region are as follows:

- Board of Equalization District 1: **Tom Hallinan**
- U.S. Congress District 4—**Jessica Morse**
- U.S. Congress District 16—**Rep. Jim Costa**
- U.S. Congress District 21—**T.J. Cox**
- U.S. Congress District 22—**Andrew Janz**
- State Senate District 8—**Paulina Miranda**
- State Senate District 12—**Assembly Member Anna Caballero**
- State Senate District 14—**Melissa Hurtado**
- State Assembly District 23—**Aileen Rizo**

- State Assembly District 31—**Assembly Member Joaquin Arambula**

“We are on the precipice of major change in our society,” says Evans. “The problems that ail our nation can best be addressed by following California’s lead. Electing our slate of candidates in 2018 will facilitate that problem-solving agenda.”

The Fresno County Democratic Party will complete its endorsement process for the 2018 election within the next week. For more information, contact 559-495-0606 or dems@fresnocountydemocrats.org.