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## **KEVIN JOHNSON RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT OF METRO CHAMBER PAC**

### ***Endorsement falls on heels of major labor nod; Johnson unites city***

Sacramento—Today, mayoral candidate Kevin Johnson received the endorsement of the Sacramento Metro PAC, the independent political action committee of the Sacramento Metro Chamber. Nearly 2,500 Sacramento-area businesses and organizations support the Metro Chamber's efforts to improve the economic health of Sacramento, making it the second largest chamber in California.

In receiving the endorsement, Johnson cited the need for an educated workforce as the driving force behind economic development.

"My work at St. HOPE taught me that the best way to bring about economic development in Sacramento is by providing local businesses with the educated workforce they need," said Johnson. "In Oak Park, we didn't just invest in creating new small businesses; we invested in the local school system, so businesses could draw on a new and vital workforce."

This important endorsement falls on the heels of a major endorsement last week by the Sacramento Central Labor Council, a coalition of local labor groups representing over 100,000 working men and women. The extraordinary uniting of both labor and business coalition endorsements is a strong sign of Johnson's unique ability to bring together a wide variety of groups throughout the city.

"And the results speak for themselves—20 new businesses with a more than \$14 million infusion into Oak Park alone. With the right vision, energetic leadership and high standards of accountability, we can take our hands-on approach citywide and make a difference in every community," continued Johnson.

In endorsing Johnson, the Metro Chamber PAC cited his work revitalizing Oak Park through both economic development and schools investment. "Kevin Johnson is a business person who understands what it means to meet a payroll and deadlines. He understands economic development—as evidenced by the new businesses and jobs he helped create in Oak Park. There is a strong connection between a thriving business community and quality schools and neighborhoods," said Rick Fowler, chair of the Metro PAC board.

“Great schools and a vibrant economy go hand in hand. We need to work together to help students today, and our businesses tomorrow,” said Johnson.

Metro PAC was established in 1985 by the Metro Chamber Board of Directors, who believed that for the Metro Chamber to be an effective advocate on behalf of the Sacramento region's business community, it must employ a full spectrum public affairs and advocacy effort, including endorsing and financially supporting candidates for public office who support the Metro Chamber's mission of fostering regional economic prosperity.

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