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Lori Saldaña Earns Major Labor Endorsement Based on Record of 100% Support of Unions, Working Families

SAN DIEGO – Former Democratic Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña has been endorsed by the **San Diego Working Families Council** (WorkingFamiliesCouncil.org) representing thousands of San Diego workers who are members of:

- **SEIU 221** (Service Employees International Union)
- **ATU 1309** (Amalgamated Transit Union)
- **LIUNA Local 89** (Laborers international Union of North America)
- **OPEIU Local 30** (Office and Professional Employees International Union)
- **Teamsters Local 542**
- **UFCW 135** (United Food and Commercial Workers)

In a statement endorsing seventeen candidates in seventeen San Diego area elections, Dale Kelly Bankhead, Working Families Council Secretary-Treasurer and CEO, said, “SDWFC endorses candidates who have demonstrated that the interests of working families are a top priority for them.” And, “That is certainly the case for **Lori Saldana**, who, **unlike any of her competitors, has a solid record of voting to support working people**. And as someone who **stood up to the NRA**, we know **Lori has the courage of her convictions**.”

Saldaña represented San Diego in the California State Assembly for three full terms building a profound record of **progressive and fearless** leadership, advancing to become a Democratic leader as **Speaker Pro Tempore**, and recognized for her **leadership on women’s issues** as **Chair of the bi-partisan California Legislative Women’s Caucus**.

“I am honored to have the support of the San Diego Working Families Council and I am proud of my record on policies that benefit working families,” Saldaña said. Assemblywoman Saldaña earned a **100% rating of support for Labor and related issues affecting California union workers**. “It takes **commitment and integrity** to build a solid record and a strong reputation in the Capitol. I am as proud of my 100% record of support for workers as I am proud of my record of **100% for environmental protection**, of being honored as **‘Legislator of the Year’ by California Veterans**, and my endorsement by the **Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence for taking on the NRA**.”

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District 4 Supervisor Candidates on Prevailing Wage

Building Industry Association (BIA) February 22, 2018	Lori Saldaña Record: 100% Pro-Labor	Omar Passions	Nathan Fletcher Record: 0% Pro-Labor
Support Prevailing Wage on Publicly Funded Housing Construction?	YES on Prevailing Wage	Yes	Only when using public funds on publicly-owned land
Support Prevailing Wage on Privately Funded Housing Construction?	YES on Prevailing Wage	No	No Answer

As for the **split in the San Diego Labor community**, Saldaña, a former union carpenter, said “It’s troubling to see this happening, because **Union members are the ones who suffer** when their elected leaders don’t work together.”

The other major union group involved in the schism, the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, has endorsed Saldaña’s opponent, **Nathan Fletcher**. According to ProjectVoteSmart.org, **Fletcher has a 0% Labor record as a two-term Republican Assemblyman**.

In a recent (February 22, 2018) candidate forum sponsored by the Business Industry Association, **Lori Saldaña was the only candidate for County Supervisor to express unqualified support for prevailing wages**. Former Republican Nathan Fletcher restricted his support for prevailing wages to housing projects “on public lands with public funds.”

“He’s already throwing working San Diegans under the bus,” notes Saldaña, who is a member of the **American Federation of Teachers** and teaches workforce development courses for the San Diego Community College District.

“Former Republican Fletcher’s position on prevailing wage is the same as that of Republican Speaker Paul Ryan and President Donald Trump,” explained Saldaña, “But it’s definitely not mine.”

“The **Labor Council needs to revisit their endorsement process** and support candidates who actually have a history of standing with unions and their members,” Saldaña said.

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