



January 9, 2017

TO: Honorable Reginald B. Jones Sawyer Sr. and Mark Stone

FROM: AFSCME District Council 36

RE: Appointment of Congressman Xavier Becerra as California Attorney General – *SUPPORT*

On behalf of AFSCME District Council 36 and its 53 Local Unions throughout Southern California, we proudly support the appointment of Congressman Xavier Becerra to be California Attorney General. We would like to enthusiastically applaud Governor Brown for this excellent nomination.

Congressman Becerra has represented working people for decades in Southern California and Washington, D.C. and throughout, has fought hard for the passage of such landmarks as the Affordable Care Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Violence Against Women Act, and other laws that better our nation and our society. He stood strong against the Wall Street bailout in 2008 and opposed the Iraq War in 2003. In addition, Congressman Becerra has worked tirelessly to reform immigration policies –although, as you know, an extreme right-wing faction of this country has stymied progress that could be made on this front (and so many others).

Clearly, the enlightened values and political principles guiding Congressman Becerra's career are consistent with those of the people of our proud blue state.

Congressman Becerra not only has extraordinary leadership skills and a track record of achievements but the vision that we need, perhaps now more than ever. Congressman Becerra will be an excellent Attorney General and we urge the Legislature to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

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AFSCME District Council 36

Cc: Governor Brown  
Brian Allison, AFSCME International Union