



January 9, 2017

The Honorable Kevin de León  
President pro Tem, California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, California 95814

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The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2019  
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Appointment of Xavier Becerra as California's Attorney General – SUPPORT

Dear Senate pro Tem de León and Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of the California Teachers Association, I urge support for Governor Brown's nomination to appoint Xavier Becerra as California's Attorney General in order to fill the vacancy created by the successful election of Attorney General Harris to the United States Senate.

Prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992, Xavier Becerra served as Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice.

We agree with legislative leadership that "California is – and must always be – a refuge of justice and opportunity for people of all walks, talks, ages and aspirations – regardless of how you look, where you live, what language you speak, or who you love." The California Teachers Association exists to ensure that the human dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected, and to secure a more just, equitable, and democratic society. Xavier Becerra works honorably every day to fulfill California's promise, and we have worked with the Congressman on a host of issues that make it clear to us that he is effective, experienced, and aligned with these values.

As Attorney General, Xavier Becerra will be a champion for all Californians. He will work with the Department of Justice to provide leadership, information and education in partnership with state and local governments and the people of California to:

- Enforce and apply all of our laws fairly and impartially.
- Ensure justice, safety and liberty for everyone.
- Encourage economic prosperity, equal opportunity and tolerance.
- Safeguard California's human, natural and financial resources for this and future generations.

For these reasons, please support Governor Brown's nomination to appoint Xavier Becerra as California's Attorney General. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric C. Heins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric C. Heins, President

Cc:     Members, California State Senate  
          Members, California State Assembly  
          The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, California's Governor  
          The Honorable Xavier Becerra, Attorney General



