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## State Union Electrical Association Endorses Adam Schiff for Senate

**Sacramento, April 17, 2023** - At its April Legislative Conference in Sacramento, the California State Association of Electrical Workers (CSAEW), voted overwhelmingly to endorse California Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) in his bid to become the state's next senator. CSAEW represents 83,000 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) members from 27 different Locals across California.

"Adam Schiff has been a long-time friend of labor," said CSAEW Secretary-Treasurer and IBEW 11 Business Manager Joel Barton. "I've known him personally for over 20 years and he's always come through for working families."

Rep. Schiff from Los Angeles, Rep. Katie Porter from Orange County, and Rep. Barbara Lee from Oakland, all candidates who plan to run for Sen. Dianne Feinstein's senate seat after she announced in February that she will not seek an additional term in 2024, spoke to the CSAEW leaders at the conference, laying out their credentials and seeking the endorsement.

Added Barton, "We know Adam's door is always open. He has our back and will listen to our concerns. That's why the State Association voted to endorse him."

Also on the agenda was the election of new officers for the CSAEW, one of the most powerful union political groups in the state. Returning to office are Tom Hansen, Business Manager of IBEW 302 in Martinez, as President; and Joel Barton, Business Manager of IBEW 11 in Los Angeles, as Secretary/Treasurer. The group welcomed newly elected Jim Rush, Business Manager of IBEW 440 as its new Vice President. The 12 District Business Managers or Sr. Asst. Business Managers, who represent locals from around the state, remained the same.

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