



## **Supervisor Wilma Chan endorses Nancy Skinner in SD 9**

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Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan has endorsed Democrat Nancy Skinner for State Senate District 9.

Wilma Chan is one of Alameda County's most popular elected leaders. She was previously a candidate for the State Senate seat, but decided to stay on the Board of Supervisors to continue her path-breaking work to end poverty and hunger in Alameda County.

***"We need a strong partner to join us in the fight against income inequality, poverty and the lack of affordable housing," stated Chan.*** "It takes more than a good vote, it takes a commitment to activism and engagement. That's why I am endorsing Nancy Skinner for State Senate."

Chan was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1994, serving until she was elected to serve in the State Assembly in 2000. In the Assembly, where she was the first woman ever to serve as Majority Leader, she compiled an impressive record on a wide range of issues from banning toxic flame retardants, stopping hospitals from overcharging uninsured and under-insured patients, and expanding Pre-School opportunities. After being termed out of the Assembly in 2006, Chan taught political science at UC Berkeley and then, in 2010, was overwhelmingly returned to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. She was re-elected in 2014 without opposition.

Chan's Supervisorial district includes the cities of San Leandro, Alameda and large portions of Oakland including the neighborhoods of Chinatown, San Antonio, Fruitvale and Melrose.

"This is a hugely important endorsement for me," stated Skinner. "Wilma Chan is recognized as one of California's most passionate and effective leaders, particularly for children and families. I look forward to being her partner in the State Senate in addressing the widening income inequality gap and in supporting her "All In Alameda County" effort to address the effects of poverty in our communities."

Nancy Skinner, the leading candidate for the open State Senate District 9, served in the Assembly from 2008 to 2014. Previously she has served as a member of the East Bay Regional Parks Board and as a member of the Berkeley City Council.