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Los Angeles County Federation of Labor endorses Warren Furutani

Sets up showdown with downtown big business interests

Yesterday the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor overwhelmingly endorsed Warren Furutani for Los Angeles City Council, District 15.

Representing over 17,000 union-member households in the District, the support of labor is a crucial component for a successful campaign.

"Warren Furutani is an experienced and effective fighter for good jobs and working families," said Maria Elena Durazo, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. "His impressive work has helped to bring thousands of middle class jobs to the community and to train our young people for productive careers. Warren Furutani will make a difference the first day he is sworn into office. Labor is proud to support Warren Furutani for Los Angeles City Council."

The endorsement of Furutani by the LA County Federation of Labor places the two candidates in the January runoff with clearly contrasting bases of support. Last week the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, representing large downtown business interests, endorsed Warren Furutani's opponent.

Furutani is a life-long Democrat and is endorsed by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party. His opponent was a registered Republican up until he began his campaign for City Council.

"I am proud to be endorsed by the L.A. County Federation of Labor," stated Furutani. "They are effective and tenacious champions for the working families of the 15th Council District and Los Angeles. The District has a long and storied history of labor organizing and advocacy. I look forward to continuing to work with labor for good jobs, healthier neighborhoods and a better quality of life."

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