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Bay Area News Group Endorses Fiona Ma for Lieutenant Governor as Statewide Momentum Continues Across California Media

San Francisco, CA — California State Treasurer Fiona Ma announced today that the Bay Area News Group editorial board, including the *Mercury News* and *East Bay Times*, has endorsed her campaign for California Lieutenant Governor, adding to growing support from major newspapers and community media outlets across California.

The endorsement comes alongside recent support and recognition from media outlets serving California's diverse communities and regions, including *The Bakersfield Californian*, *The Korea Times*, and *Sing Tao Daily*.

Collectively, these publications reach millions of Californians across the Bay Area, Central Valley, Los Angeles, and Asian American communities statewide — reflecting Fiona Ma's broad coalition of support across geographic, cultural, and economic lines.

"California voters are looking for experienced leadership and proven results," said Fiona Ma. "I am honored to earn the support of respected editorial boards and community publications that understand the importance of economic leadership, accountability, affordability, and protecting California's future."

Bay Area News Group publications, including the *Mercury News* and *East Bay Times*, are among the most widely read news organizations in Northern California, reaching hundreds of thousands of readers throughout the Bay Area and Silicon Valley region. *The Bakersfield Californian* remains one of the Central Valley's leading daily newspapers, while *The Korea Times* and *Sing Tao Daily* serve large and influential Korean American and Chinese American readerships throughout California.

The endorsements further reinforce the growing momentum behind Fiona Ma's campaign, which has built one of the largest coalitions in the race for Lieutenant Governor.

"As State Treasurer, I've focused on delivering real results - strengthening California's economy, financing affordable housing, investing in infrastructure, and helping working families," Fiona Ma said. "These endorsements reflect a growing coalition that believes California needs experienced leadership ready to deliver from day one."

California's primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 2.

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About Fiona Ma

California is the world's fourth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state's primary banker, as well as a CPA licensed in CA since 1992. Her office processes approximately \$3 trillion in payments within a typical year and provides transparency and oversight for an investment portfolio that has ranged from \$155 billion to \$175 billion over the past 6 months, over \$20 billion of which are local government funds. She also is responsible for over \$80 billion in outstanding general obligation and lease revenue bonds of the state.