

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET – CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **JOHN LAIRD**, Candidate for
State Assembly
27th District

Occupation: State Assemblymember

Age: 53

Education and Qualifications: I have hit the ground running in Sacramento working as your new state Assemblymember. With thirty years experience as a Mayor, Councilmember, Community College Trustee, congressional assistant, budget analyst, non-profit executive director, and community activist – I have worked hard to be effective in these tumultuous times for our state.

Of thirty-two new Assemblymembers, I was one of five named a standing committee chair, serving as Chair of the Environmental Safety Committee. I landed as many bills on the Governor's desk as any new legislator covering protection of agricultural land; transit worker pension rights; intolerance prevention in teacher training; state initiative reform; and saving toxic cleanup jobs at former federal installations such as Ford Ord – with twelve bills signed into law.

I was a co-author of legislation to protect the Monterey Bay from cruise ship dumping; keep air quality regulations in place in California despite a federal rollback; and extend civil rights protections.

California faces major challenges. We must put the state on a pay-as-you-go basis while not gutting education, environmental protection, health care, and support to older Californians or those with disabilities. We must have a mix of cuts, revenues, and debt financing to get California through its worst financial crisis since the great depression – with the goal of securing a future California where we all would want to live.

It is an honor to serve you in the state legislature. I ask for your support – in both the election and with meeting these challenges.

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