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To whom it may concern,

The Fresno-Madera-Tulare-Kings, Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO is proud to publicly acknowledge Emilio Huerta as an authentic supporter of Organized Labor and the collective values we defend.

In 2016, Emilio became the Democratic nominee for California's 21st Congressional District and displayed throughout his campaign that he would stand up for working families and challenge corporations and the industries that undermine union values. Although his campaign came up short, he earned our endorsement and friendship while challenging himself to continue learning about the issues we advocate for and against. After the general election, Emilio spent 6 months evaluating his campaign with local unions, community groups and democratic organizations. Upon review, he has decided to run again in 2018 and is the only declared candidate challenging incumbent David Valadao, who has voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act and who has repeatedly endorsed Donald Trump's catastrophic agenda to destroy the Labor Movement in America.

As a public interest attorney, Emilio has dedicated his career to representing working men and women. Throughout his life, he has championed the rights of workers to collectively bargain, the development and expansion of affordable housing, educational radio, rural primary health clinics, and credit unions. Emilio openly supports project labor agreements, economic justice in the workplace and a closed shop, and the preservation of multi-employer and public retirement funds. He opposes all forms of *Right to Work* and its expansion, opposes the outsourcing and subcontracting of bargaining unit work and strongly opposes free trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Currently, Emilio's law practice focuses on representing workers who are the victims of discrimination and advocating for working men and women who are the victims of wage and hour theft. His life and career have truly been about giving a stronger voice to the workers in our community.

The battle for the 21st Congressional District is expected to be one of the most important races in the country and the balance of power in Washington may very well hinge upon who represents this district in 2018.

While there have been no endorsements made from our council or the California Labor Federation for 2018, we want to be clear that Emilio Huerta has always endorsed Organized Labor.

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