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## Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Joan Buchanan has represented our community as our Assemblywoman for six years with great integrity, hard work, fiscal responsibility and values that reflect our community. For 18 years before that, Joan served on the San Ramon School Board working to bring these schools from struggling to top performers. Prior to that, Joan was a mom raising five children and working in business in fiscal accounting and oversight capacities. We all know that Joan is honest and very hard-working. Unlike most who rely primarily on staff summaries, Joan actually reads very carefully all legislation on which she is voting and she finds errors. Joan watches our dollars. She saved the state from another fiscal disaster when she found a loophole in pension reform legislation that would still have allowed pension spiking. As Chair of the Education Committee, Joan fought against the low funding formula for our schools proposed by the governor that would have damaged our high performing schools and she brought our schools a bigger share of the pie so we could maintain our amazing standards. Joan shares our values. She has always been a supporter of equal rights for all, including women and LGBT. Equality California has proudly endorsed Joan Buchanan for State Senate. Joan has been overwhelmingly endorsed by four major local Democratic clubs with approximately 600 members. As your elected representative on the Contra Costa County Democratic Party Central Committee, I know the differences between the candidates very well. I ask you to join me and vote for exceptional integrity; conscientiousness; fiscal diligence, oversight, and caution; proven excellence, and the candidate who has always supported women's rights and equal rights for all. Please vote for Joan Buchanan for State Senate.

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