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Environmental Health & Justice Campaign Endorses Nathan Fletcher County Supervisor seat is critical to achieving environmental justice

National City, Calif.—October 3, 2018 — Today, [Environmental Health & Justice Campaign](#) (EHJC), an organization that empowers communities to achieve environmental justice, endorsed candidate Nathan Fletcher, for County Supervisor District 4. It declared that communities of color in District 4 such as City Heights need a strong champion like Nathan Fletcher, to improve the air quality and public health in the communities that are hardest hit by pollution and climate change.

"The County of San Diego Supervisorial race represents an opportunity for pivotal change that we will feel for the next 50 years. It's imperative that we elect a leader who listens and takes action to improve the district and our region for everyone," said Diane Takvorian, executive director of EHJC. "

According to EHJC, communities in District 4, like City Heights, Chollas View, Encanto and others have historically felt the burden of pollution, air quality issues and other environmental degradation from the lack of thoughtful leadership in the region.

"The time is now for our communities. Our children deserve clean air, and we want green jobs to improve our economy," said Beatriz Barraza, President of EHJC. "We have long been ignored by the County, but right now we have the opportunity to elect a Supervisor who understands and listens to our needs."

Fletcher committed to working towards a County Government that ensures that communities affected by pollution and carbon emissions receive the benefits first of cleanup efforts. He pledged to urge the County to compete for more funding which can be invested into communities that need the most improvements with air quality and reducing emissions. Fletcher stated: "We need to reduce environmental injustice by enacting and enforcing meaningful environmental policies and regulations to protect the communities that are being hit first and the worst by pollution and climate change. We need to enhance the opportunities for the residents in these communities to participate in environmental decision-making."

"We want a County Supervisor who understands the environmental, health and economic issues we've faced for generations and one who understands how we can work together to move beyond those burdens and achieve a greater quality of life for all," said Takvorian.

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