

Assemblymember Dave Jones Announces Campaign for Insurance Commissioner

Incoming Senate President and State Controller Endorse Jones

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Assemblymember Dave Jones (D-Sacramento) announced today that he is running for the office of California Insurance Commissioner in 2010. The office will be open as the Republican incumbent, Steve Poizner, is running for Governor.

“Californians should have a consumer champion as their Insurance Commissioner – I will use the full authority of the office to protect Californians from unfair insurance practices,” said Jones. “It’s simply not right for insurers to take your money year and after year and then deny you insurance coverage when you need it most -- to repair your home, to help you when you are sick or injured, or to cover other losses.”

Jones announced the endorsements of State Controller John Chiang and incoming Senate President Darrell Steinberg.

“Dave Jones is one of the most dedicated and effective members of the state legislature,” stated Steinberg. “California consumers could not have a better champion.”

John Chiang added, “Dave Jones is a fierce advocate for justice and a powerful voice for California’s families. He will be an outstanding Insurance Commissioner.”

Jones chaired the Assembly Judiciary Committee for four years, where he championed legislation to protect consumers. Jones authored legislation to keep health insurance premiums affordable. Jones also passed bills to protect the financial and medical privacy of ordinary Californians.

Speaker Karen Bass appointed Jones chair of the important Health Committee beginning in December 2007.

Jones was named “Consumer Champion” by the Consumer Federation of California. Capitol Weekly named Jones California’s most Effective Legislator.

Jones, a strong fundraiser, currently starts his campaign with close to \$1 million in cash on hand. His campaign will be managed by Parke Skelton of SG&A campaigns, and his team also includes finance director Kristin Bertolina.

Prior to his election in 2004 to the State Assembly, Jones served for over five years on the Sacramento City Council. From 1995 to 1998 he was a senior advisor to United States Attorney General Janet Reno. Jones was a legal aid lawyer from 1988 to 1995. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

Dave Jones and his wife, Kim Flores, and two children live in Sacramento.

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