Adam Gray 1st Legislative Candidate in 12 Years to Qualify with Voter In-Lieu Signatures

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Merced - Adam Gray, candidate for the 21st Assembly Seat, filed 1500 signatures with the Merced County registrar making him the first legislative candidate in 12 years to collect enough voter signatures instead of just paying the filing fee.

"We didn't do the signature drive to save the campaign money, we did it to demonstrate the wide community support that the campaign is generating," Gray commented.

Candidates are required to file a minimum of 40 nomination signatures and pay a filing fee in order to be on the ballot. Candidates may choose to collect 1500 valid signatures of registered voters in the district in lieu of the filing fee. Gray turned in more than 2000 signatures giving him the 1500 needed when he filed today.

"I am extremely grateful to all of my family, fiends and neighbors who helped me bring back the tradition of collecting in lieu's for the ballot filing and to be the only legislative candidate to submit the required amount of signatures. This effort represents my commitment to a grass roots campaign that is getting out and talking to people. I'd like to thank all the volunteers. This campaign is about energy, people, and connecting. Thanks for being a part of it."

Gray is the official candidate of the Democratic Party for AD21. He is endorsed by organizations and elected officials. The list includes; California Professional Firefighters, Cal Fire, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association, California Highway Patrol, Congressman Dennis Cardoza, Assemblymember Barbara Mathews, Assemblymember Cathleen Galgiani, Merced City Council Member Bill Blake, Merced City Council Member Mary-Michael Rawling, Merced City Council Member Josh Pedrozo, Dos Palos City Council Member Mary E. Oney, Los Banos City Council Member Elizabeth Stone, Merced County Board of Supervisors Chair John Pedrozo,

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