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## **JESSE GABRIEL ANNOUNCES ASSEMBLY BID WITH OVER \$300,000 RAISED IN TWO WEEKS**

*Los Angeles County Commissioner Jesse Gabriel Launches Campaign for California Assembly District 45, Unveils Formidable Fundraising and Endorsement from Key State Senator*

**LOS ANGELES, CA** – Today, Los Angeles County Commissioner Jesse Gabriel announced his candidacy for the 45th Assembly District and released the following statement:

“We are at a pivotal moment in our state’s history where each of us must stand up and be counted. I am running for State Assembly because I believe that we have an obligation to help build a more just, fair, and inclusive society in which everyone can achieve the California Dream. The people of the 45th District deserve a representative in Sacramento who will bring integrity, compassion, and respect to the office. It would be an incredible honor to help represent the Valley, and I will fight tirelessly to protect our economy, our environment, our schools, our neighborhoods, and our California values.”

Gabriel’s campaign also announced that he has raised over \$300,000 in the two weeks since he began exploring a potential bid. That figure includes approximately \$265,000 raised from individual contributors during the final two weeks of 2017 as well as a \$50,000 personal contribution.

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Gabriel begins his campaign with the strong endorsement of California State Senator Ben Allen.

“I’ve known Jesse Gabriel for many years and know him to be a person of great integrity, intelligence, compassion, and heart,” said Senator Allen. “He’s just the kind of person we need more of in elected office. I’m fully confident he will be a strong leader for our state and the values we care about, and I know that he’ll be an engaged and attentive leader for his district. I’m proud to give him my wholehearted support as I know he’ll be an independent and hard-working advocate for the people of the 45th District.”

Jesse Gabriel is a Los Angeles County Commissioner and accomplished constitutional rights attorney who has represented clients before the United States Supreme Court. He is currently suing the Trump Administration in two landmark lawsuits which seek to protect undocumented children known as Dreamers. Through his legal work and legislative advocacy, Jesse has assisted Holocaust survivors, victims of domestic abuse, and communities facing the threat of hate-motivated violence. Jesse also helped to advance the Democratic Party agenda in the United States Senate, where he served as a senior advisor to former United States Senator Evan Bayh.

A committed environmentalist and longtime community activist, Jesse serves on the board of directors of the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters and the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, and as a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Government Services.

Jesse lives in Encino with his wife Rachel Rosner, an affordable housing attorney, and their sons Ethan and Joshua. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and UC Berkeley.

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