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AD12 Primary Dead Heat: Less than 1 Point Separating Aminzadeh and Connolly **Former AD12 Candidate Steve Schwartz, Local Marin Leaders Back Democrat Aminzadeh in Open AD12 Race**

Marin, CA – Today, Democrat Sara Aminzadeh announced the sole support of former AD12 Candidate Steve Schwartz as updated election results show the June primary in a dead heat, with less than one point between Aminzadeh and Connolly, the top two finishers. Schwartz, a Sonoma County resident, organic farmer, and local School Board Member, finished third in the AD12 contest and has joined Sara’s campaign as its Chairman.

“I am excited to announce my sole endorsement of Sara Aminzadeh for State Assembly as the leader we need at this critical time.” said Schwartz. “As a long time Sonoma County resident, School Board President, and 20-year Sacramento policy veteran, I’ve seen the opportunities and flaws of our political system up close. We need transformative and values-driven leadership in Sacramento to address the most pressing issues of our generation: the impacts of climate change, drought, and fire; sustainable food and agriculture systems, and the mental health and housing needs of our families. In Sara, I see a fellow change agent and leader with the passion, drive, and intelligence to represent our District, and lead and inspire other Legislators to be bold in meeting these challenges head-on. Now is not the time for more of the same. I am honored that I will be Co-Chair of Sara’s campaign, in part to share perspectives on food and agriculture, housing and education.”

Local Marin County elected officials are joining Schwartz in support of Aminzadeh’s campaign, including current Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice, former Marin County Supervisor Kate Sears, Tiburon City Councilmember Noah Griffin, Fairfax Town Councilmember Bruce Ackerman, Sausalito Vice-Mayor Jill Hoffman, Marin City Community Services District Terrie Green, Marin City Community Services District Damian Morgan, and former Mill Valley Mayor Kathleen Foote. State leaders who recently joined Aminzadeh’s campaign include Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris and California Democratic Party Black Caucus Board Chair Corey Jackson.

“As a life-long resident of Marin, a mom, an environmentalist, and a Marin County Supervisor, I am proud to support Sara Aminzadeh for Assembly.” said Supervisor Rice. “We have big problems in California. We need folks in Sacramento who not only understand local issues and can deliver on local needs but can also move the dial on the big issues we face as a state. Sara Aminzadeh is that person. She is the leader and partner Marin voters can trust to deliver on drought, wildfire, open space, housing, and transit. I am proud to stand with Sara today.”

“Representation matters. That’s why I’m proud to endorse Sara Aminzadeh for Assembly,” said Councilmember Griffin. “It has been 20 years since we sent a woman to Sacramento, and Sara will make history as the first Persian woman to represent our region. Join me and elect a working mom to fight for us!”

“I am humbled by the outpouring of support from leaders, especially my fellow candidate Steve Schwartz,” said Aminzadeh. “Together we can take bold action and deliver results for the people of the 12th Assembly District.”

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About Sara: California Coastal Commissioner Sara Aminzadeh is a nationally recognized, award-winning climate change leader, lawyer, and published author who most recently served as a Senior Advisor to the US Water Alliance. Sara, who holds a BA from UC Santa Barbara and a JD from UC Hastings College of the Law, is a resident of Kentfield in Central Marin County. For more information, visit: www.saraforassembly.com.