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Coastal Commissioner & Environmental Advocate Sara Aminzadeh Announces Run for Assembly

MARIN COUNTY — Sara Aminzadeh, a two-term state appointee on the California Coastal Commission, announced today that she will be running for State Assembly to fill the seat vacated by Marc Levine, who recently announced a run for State Insurance Commissioner. Aminzadeh, who has spent more than 20 years advocating for clean water and fighting climate change, launched a new website at www.SaraforAssembly.com to outline her vision for Assembly District 10.

“I’ve dedicated my entire professional life to fighting for clean water, battling climate change, and protecting our coast, bays and rivers,” said Aminzadeh. “That’s why I am running for Assembly. I believe the most environmentally conscious Assembly District in the state deserves to be represented in Sacramento by a professional environmental policy advocate and water and climate expert. Send me to Sacramento and I will take bold action to address the climate crisis, advance water solutions, and work tirelessly to tackle the problems of today — and tomorrow — for you and your family.”

Sara was appointed as a public representative on the California Coastal Commission in 2017. She serves as Vice President of Partnerships for the US Water Alliance and previously led the water program at the Pisces Foundation and served as the Executive Director of the California Coastkeeper Alliance.

“Today, less than a third of the California Legislature is represented by women,” Aminzadeh said. “In fact, the 10th Assembly District hasn’t elected a woman in more than 20 years. I am running because I believe the lack of elected representation by women and mothers in government is more than just a statistic — it directly affects how women, children and families are prioritized in schools, day care, transportation, housing, healthcare, and in crises like COVID-19.”

Here is what others are saying about Sara Aminzadeh:

“Sara is an experienced advocate who has a keen understanding of how to navigate Sacramento agency and legislative processes to secure resources and reforms for the environment. She would be an effective partner as we navigate drought, flooding and this new climate reality.”

– Cynthia Koehler, President of the Marin Municipal Water District Board of Directors

“The State Assembly needs more smart and talented women — and mothers — like Sara Aminzadeh. Currently, women hold fewer than one-third of the seats in the California State Legislature. Representation matters.”

– Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County Supervisor

“As head of the state’s oceans program, I worked with Sara to protect our ocean. As a State Senator, I have worked with her on climate adaptation. Her effort on these issues — as well as her leadership on coastal protection as a Coastal Commissioner — would bring a smart, informed and committed environmental leader to the State Assembly.”

– John Laird, CA State Senator and Former Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency

If elected, Aminzadeh will leverage her policy expertise to address not only water and climate issues, but several pressing issues facing the District and State, including the need for additional affordable housing, expanded transportation options and more reliable healthcare and mental health support.

Sara and her husband Max live with their three-year-old son Henry in Kentfield.

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