

CAPT Board Endorses Eric Swalwell For Governor



From left: Stockton Chapter President Darrell Bottoms, Napa Chapter President Samona Booker, Congressman Eric Swalwell, State President Eric Soto, and CAPT Lobbyist Coby Pizzotti

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On March 4, 2026, the CAPT Board of Directors voted unanimously to endorse Eric Swalwell for Governor of California. CAPT is proud to be the first state employee bargaining unit to announce an endorsement of Congressman Swalwell in the 2026 gubernatorial race.

CAPT's endorsement followed a series of candidate interviews in which the Board evaluated each candidate's positions on issues affecting state employees, mental health professionals, workplace safety, and collective bargaining rights.

"CAPT's endorsement of Eric Swalwell reflects our commitment to supporting leaders who recognize the vital role Psychiatric Technicians play in California's public safety and mental health systems. Our members serve on the frontlines in state hospitals, correctional facilities, developmental centers, and community programs, caring for some of California's most vulnerable populations. We need leadership that respects collective bargaining, values public employees, and understands that safe facilities and quality care depend on a strong workforce. Congressman Swalwell demonstrated a clear understanding of these priorities."
— Eric Soto, CAPT State President

Advancing Shared Values

CAPT recognizes that our membership represents a wide range of political beliefs and perspectives. That diversity is reflected within our chapters and within our Board of Directors.

Our endorsement process is not about partisan politics. It is about identifying leaders who understand the vital role our members play in California's

public safety and mental health systems and who are committed to protecting the rights and working conditions of frontline public employees.

The CAPT Board evaluates candidates based on their commitment to:

- Protecting collective bargaining rights
- Supporting safe staffing and workplace safety
- Investing in mental health services and public institutions
- Respecting and valuing the work of public employees
- Strengthening opportunities for working families

These principles guide CAPT's advocacy, regardless of political party.

Why Political Engagement Matters

Decisions made by California's elected leaders affect staffing levels, workplace safety, funding for mental health services, retirement security, and the future of our profession. CAPT actively participates in the political process to ensure the voices of Psychiatric Technicians and frontline caregivers are heard when policies are made.

CAPT encourages all members to stay engaged:

- Learn about the candidates and their positions
- Participate in union discussions about key issues
- Exercise your right to vote in upcoming elections

When Psychiatric Technicians speak together with a unified voice, our profession is stronger, and our patients and clients are better served.

