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CAPT Withdraws Endorsement of Eric Swalwell for Governor

SACRAMENTO, CA – April 13, 2026 – Due to recent serious allegations, the California Association of Psychiatric Technicians (CAPT) has withdrawn its endorsement of California gubernatorial candidate Eric Swalwell.

As the allegations surfaced over the past several days, CAPT leadership decided to convene its Board of Directors to review the union's endorsement. Before the Board could hold its meeting, the candidate suspended his campaign. Following this development, CAPT proceeded with its planned governance process, and the Board formally voted unanimously to withdraw its endorsement.

CAPT issued the following statement:

“Any allegations of sexual assault, abuse of power, or misconduct must be taken with the utmost seriousness and investigated thoroughly. As a union, we believe strongly in due process. At the same time, we are equally committed to protecting individuals from exploitation, violence, and abuse. These principles are not in conflict—they are foundational to a just and safe workplace.

Every day, Psychiatric Technicians work in environments where safety, dignity, and accountability are essential. Every day, we work to make the workplace safer for our fellow workers. CAPT will continue to uphold these values in all aspects of our advocacy and endorsements.”

CAPT's endorsement decisions are guided by the union's core mission: advocating for safe workplaces, ethical leadership, and the well-being of the professionals and communities it serves. The organization will continue to engage in the 2026 gubernatorial race and evaluate candidates based on their commitment to these principles.

The California Association of Psychiatric Technicians represents over 5,000 state-employed Psychiatric Technicians and related classifications working in California's hospitals, correctional facilities, developmental centers, and community programs. CAPT advocates for safe staffing, quality patient care, professional advancement, and strong workplace protections for the mental health professionals who serve some of California's most vulnerable populations.

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