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Rep. Lee was born and spent her early years in El Paso, Texas. She attended San Fernando High School in Los Angeles where she worked with the NAACP to desegregate her cheerleading squad. She attended Mills College in Oakland and was president of the Black Student Union. She received her Master's degree in social work from UC Berkeley. Congresswoman Lee was elected to the state legislature in 1990 and to the House of Representatives in 1998, where she still represents District 12. In 2001, she was the only member of Congress to oppose the authorization of the use of force following the events of September 11th.

Rep. Schiff was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, and graduated from high school in Danville, California. He attended Stanford University and Harvard Law School. He was elected to the CA State Senate in 1996. While serving in the State Senate, he also taught political science courses at Glendale Community College and was a member of CFT Local 2276. Schiff was elected to the House of Representatives in 2000 where he represents Congressional District 30 which includes Glendale, Pasadena, and parts of Los Angeles.





Rep. Porter was born and raised in Iowa. She attended Yale and Harvard Law School. She spent two decades as a consumer advocate, taking on special interests and fighting for working families. She taught bankruptcy law at the UC Irvine School of Law. In 2018, she ran for what is now the 47th Congressional District, representing Irvine, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, and Newport. When she was elected, she became the first Democrat to represent that district since its creation in 1953. She is a single mom to three kids.

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From the CFT Senate Candidate Forum:

"It's a shame and a disgrace that teachers and school officials and employees have to worry about paying the rent or a house note because of the affordability crisis. It doesn't make any sense to be able to with so much wealth in this state to have so many people living one paycheck away from poverty." - BARBARA LEE





"I am an unapologetic, unreservedly pro-educator, pro-worker, pro-labor Democrat running for the U.S. Senate. I am laser focused on fighting to raise salaries for working families, making sure that everyone has a good chance to succeed and that means a good quality public education." - ADAM SCHIFF

"Educators and education support professionals make it possible for me, like so many Californians, to be able to earn enough to take care of our families. They are essential partners to parents and to our entire economy and communities." - KATIE PORTER



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