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Supervisor Federal Glover's statement on Rep. Garamendi's victory

PITTSBURG (Nov. 5, 2009) -- I congratulate John Garamendi for his victory Tuesday and being sworn in this morning as District 10's Congressional representative. I particularly appreciate his campaign, which stayed away from the harmful rhetoric that is so prevalent these days.

Part of Congressional District 10 takes in a major portion of East County, which includes the City of Antioch, the largest city in his district, Oakley and the communities in the Delta, with which he is very familiar.

With his wealth of political experience in the state legislature and as Insurance Commissioner and California's Lt. Governor, he will hit the ground running in Washington to address the important issues of our time, including health care reform, environmental protections and the economy.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher has been helpful to Supervisorial District 5 and East County in general, particularly by her membership on the key Congressional Committee on Transportation Reauthorization and Water Resources.

She assisted in securing funding for Highway 4 and Vasco Road safety improvements. She also sought to protect the Delta and opposed the Peripheral Canal.

I wish her well in her new post in the State Department.

I hope that Speaker of the House Pelosi will see the wisdom of appointing John Garamendi, our new congressional representative, to Rep. Tauscher's seat on the same committee so he could carry out her efforts in transportation.

I have known Rep. Garamendi for a long time and I have already established a good relationship with him. I look forward to working with him on the many issues affecting East County.