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Former US Marshal Tony Amador Enters Congressional Race

Antonio C. 'Tony' Amador, retired United States Marshal and current chairman of the San Joaquin County Republican Central Committee has announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress' 9th District, presently held by Congressman Jerry McNerney.

"It is high time for San Joaquin County to have its own Representative, and not one who lives in far off Pleasanton and answers to the 'beck and call' of Nancy Pelosi," said Amador.

Amador has a record of public service spanning over 40 years at the local, state and federal levels of government. He commenced his public service as a police officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, serving as President of the Los Angeles Protective League. He was instrumental in writing the first contract between the city of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles police officers. As President, he insured the passage of the Police Officers Bill of Rights.

Amador is a graduate of the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. He has served in the State Administrations of Governors Jerry Brown, George Deukmejian, and Pete Wilson. He has also served in the administrations of President George H.W. Bush in Washington, D.C. as a member of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board. Most recently, Amador was appointed by President George W. Bush as the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of California. Tony also served as chairman of the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force.

"Washington has become consumed with politics where our concerns become unimportant," Amador said. "I will be an effective representative looking for opportunities to work together to get things done."

As an example of McNerney's ineffectiveness, Amador cited the failure to obtain funding to build the Veterans Hospital in Lathrop.

"If McNerney was effective, a hospital would be serving the needs of veterans in the Central Valley," said Amador.

Amador called McNerney's representation 'weak leadership' because he is "going along to get along."

"McNerney voted for Obamacare and was a key vote. Now that we all know just how bad this failed policy really is, McNerney is absent from representing our concerns. He has never voted to amend or overturn the burdensome social experiment," Amador said. "You deserve someone you can count on, someone with grit, to either fix the problem or repeal it."

Tony is active in Rotary, Lions Club and Knights of Columbus. He resides in Lodi with his wife Evelia.

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