



Becerra tries to duck first debate.

"We'll buy him a plane ticket back" replies Jones' campaign

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Appointed Attorney General Xavier Becerra is trying to duck participation in the first debate for candidates for California Attorney General in the 2018 election.

The other three candidates for AG (one Democrat and two Republicans) are all confirmed. Becerra had originally agreed to attend before trying to duck the debate.

Long scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 in Sacramento, Becerra, who had previously agreed to attend, has now told organizers that he is no longer able to attend the debate because he will attend a U.S. Supreme Court hearing. This bogus excuse fails to hold up because the Supreme Court hearing he says he is attending is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, March 20 (the day before the debate). As even an Appointed Attorney General should know, this hearing before the Supreme Court is scheduled for an hour. There is simply no reason Becerra is not able to keep his commitment to attend the debate.

The Supreme Court calendar: https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_calendars/MonthlyArgumentCalMarch2018.pdf

"We've checked the flights," said Dave Jones' campaign consultant Parke Skelton. "Plenty of cheap seats are still available for the 4pm and 5pm flights back. We would be glad to buy Becerra a ticket if cost is the problem."

The debate, sponsored by the Sacramento Press Club, has secured an impressive lineup of journalists to question the candidates, with journalist and UC Davis spokeswoman Pamela Wu to moderate. It will be held at 11:30am at the Masonic Temple Hall in Sacramento.