



San Jose Mercury News and East Bay Times endorse Dave Jones for AG.

Calls Appointed AG Becerra "a huge disappointment."

The widely respected San Jose Mercury News and East Bay Times weighed into the California Attorney General's race today, endorsing California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones.

The editorial can be read here: <https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/04/19/editorial-dave-jones-would-be-best-balanced-attorney-general/>

The strongly worded editorial states:

The challenge in the June 6 election is finding the candidate who will protect the state's values against Trump's onslaught without politicizing other operations of the office.

For that, the best candidate is Dave Jones, state insurance commissioner since 2010 who has aggressively protected consumers while being fair to the industry he oversees.

Jones brings strong legal background as a Harvard Law School graduate, legal aid lawyer, special assistant to former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, state assemblyman and now insurance commissioner, where his agency pursues fraud and other insurance-related crimes.

Becerra, while filing lawsuits against the Trump Administration that Jones or any other Democrat would file, has given "short-shrift to, or inappropriately politicized, other issues."

The editorial scorched Becerra for politicizing the office by favoring politically powerful interest groups backing his candidacy. In one case, Becerra *"delayed implementation of a statewide prescription database to curtail opioid overdoses while collecting \$70,000 in campaign contributions from the medical industry and doctors, who had resisted the program."*

The editorial writers reminded voters that:

We had higher hopes for Becerra when he was appointed. But, beyond his legal challenges to Trump, he's often been a huge disappointment.

In contrast, Jones understands the multiple demands of the office and will provide much-needed political independence. State residents deserve nothing less.