

**Candidate Statement  
California State Assembly District 1**

**Name: Elizabeth Betancourt**

**Age: 40**

**Occupation: Small Business Owner, Farmer, and Rural Advocate**

We have been neglected by institutional politicians and the corporate interests that support them.

If you're like me, you believe it's time for Sacramento to pay attention to our North State needs. My family owns a small farm and understands the hard work that goes into making a small business work... and the failure of Sacramento's one-size-fits-all approach.

I'm also a scientist with broad experience in forest management, balancing ecosystem health and economic realities. I live here, work here, and have been a tireless advocate for our North State communities for nearly 20 years. I will work for:

Science-based forest management and investment;

Locally-driven water policy;

Decreasing the red tape for our small businesses and family farms;

Real rural economic development, including rural broadband;

Addressing the growing risk of catastrophic wildfires and holding insurance companies accountable; and

A world-class education for all of our students, ensuring that more of our tax dollars for education actually make it to the classroom.

The government has ignored us. Even our own elected officials disappear into Sacramento and only return when they want our votes. I'm not a politician. I say what I mean and I mean what I say.

I commit to a real and active presence, responsive to your concerns, and have shown this commitment through years of service to our communities; I'll continue to do so as your next Assemblymember. On November 3rd, I'd like the opportunity to earn your trust.

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