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## **Travis Allen Applauds Decision To Recognize Jerusalem As Capital of Israel “President Trump has done the right thing”**

SACRAMENTO, CA - Assemblyman Travis Allen issued a statement applauding President Donald Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move the United States’ embassy there.

“President Trump is fulfilling decades of promises by recognizing Jerusalem as the undivided Capital of Israel. The United States was the first country to officially recognize the modern state of Israel on May 14, 1948 at 6:11pm est, eleven minutes after it came into being. Today, the bond between the United States and Israel has never been stronger,” said Assemblyman Travis Allen.

Allen has a long track record as a staunch supporter of Israel. Last year, he was the original author of legislation that ultimately became the first anti-Boycott/Divest/Sanction (anti-BDS) law to direct California to no longer contract with any companies that boycott the State of Israel. He also authored legislation that would have directed state pension programs to divest holdings in any companies that support the anti-Israel BDS movement. Allen is currently drafting legislation to make it clear that California also officially recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

“Decades of pretending Jerusalem is not Israel’s capital has brought the Middle East no closer to peace. Recognizing reality and taking this issue off the table tells radical Arab leaders that they

should abandon any ideas about driving a wedge between the United States and Israel. The sooner they abandon violence and negotiate for peace in good faith, the better,” said Allen.

“Jerusalem is and has been the capital of the Jewish State of Israel since biblical times. It is the seat of Israel’s government and the heart of the country,” said Allen. “As the President stated, this action today simply recognizes reality - and by doing so the United States is showing the world in no uncertain terms that we stand with our strongest ally in the Middle East.”

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