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The campaign committee of California conservationists today announced their endorsement of Jane Tolmach in the Democratic primary in the 36th Assembly District to succeed retiring Ken McDonald. George Wagner, President of the California League of Conservation Voters, said that Tolmach had "a long history of concern about conservation issues effecting Ventura County, and we feel she is the best qualified to succeed Assemblyman McDonald."

Wagner pointed out that as an Oxnard Council member it had been Tolmach who raises persistent questions about the possible safety factors involved in the proposed LNG (Liquified natural gas) terminal at Oxnard. Tolmach has asked the Federal Power Commission to come into California and hold hearings on the proposed facility, and has persistently pushed her fellow council members towards a closer examination of this facility.

Wagner also praised Tolmach for her insistence, as a council member, that Oxnard carefully examine the proposed consequences, economic, social and environmental, of massive annexations by the city; this examination resulted in the conclusion that many of these annexations were not in the best interests of the taxpayers.

"Jane Tolmach in Sacramento will continue this persistent questioning of what really lies behind the dubious proposals that are often presented to public bodies. Such scepticism would have served the voters and the environment well in the past; we think it will continue to serve them well in the future if Jane Tolmach is elected to the Assembly."