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### **Blue Dog PAC Endorses Will Rollins (CA-41) and Lanon Baccam (IA-03)**

Today the Blue Dog PAC announced its third round of endorsements of the 2024 election. The Blue Dogs are backing **Lanon Baccam** in Iowa's 3rd District and **Will Rollins** in California's 41st District. Both candidates were named Red to Blue candidates by the DCCC last month.

Rollins is a former federal prosecutor who focused on counterterrorism and counterintelligence cases in Southern California, including helping prosecute some of the insurrectionists who attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6th. He comes from a family of Republicans and Democrats, and is running for Congress because the attack on the U.S. Capitol underscored to him why America needs a new generation of leaders committed to ending toxic divisions that threaten our democracy and prevent us from solving problems together.

Baccam is a combat veteran, public servant, and son of rural Iowa. Born to parents who immigrated from Laos in 1980, Baccam enlisted in the Iowa National Guard at age 17. In the wake of 9/11, he left community college and was deployed to Afghanistan as a combat engineer, focusing on explosive demolitions and force protection. He later served in the USDA under former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, where he helped implement historic bipartisan investments like expanding access to high-speed internet throughout rural America.

Rollins was endorsed by Blue Dog PAC in his 2022 campaign, when he overperformed other Democratic challengers in a race that took weeks to call. Baccam is a first-time candidate running to retake a seat Democrats narrowly lost in 2022.

Former President Trump won both districts in 2016, and by a shrinking margin in 2020, making them ripe pick-up targets for the next generation of Blue Dogs committed to public service.

*"I'm proud to receive the Blue Dog PAC's support in our race to flip CA-41. Riverside County voters are eager for new representation that will cut through the partisan gridlock and reach across the aisle to get things done,"* said **Will Rollins**.

*“As a law enforcement professional, I know that for the sake of our communities’ safety, we cannot afford more ideological extremism on either side of the aisle. I look forward to working with the Blue Dogs in Congress to rise above the noise and deliver results for the voters back at home.”*

*“Whether defending our country as a combat engineer in Afghanistan or helping expand broadband access to rural communities at USDA, partisanship has never gotten in the way of doing my job,”* said **Lanon Baccam**.

*“That’s why I’m running for Congress – because we need more leaders who are focused on getting things done and delivering common sense solutions for working families. I look forward to taking my leadership to Washington and working across the aisle to strengthen our economy, protect national security, and advocate for our farmers and rural communities.”*

*“The Blue Dog PAC is excited to endorse Will Rollins and Lanon Baccam, two outstanding Americans driven by public service. Blue Dogs in Congress are common sense leaders like Will and Lanon, who put their districts first and focus on solving real problems. I look forward to working with both them to win back the House, protect our democracy, and ensure our country’s fiscal stability,”* said **Rep. Mike Thompson** of California, who chairs Blue Dog PAC.

In addition to Baccam and Rollins, Blue Dog PAC has endorsed **Adam Frisch** (CO-03), **Rebecca Cooke** (WI-03), **Adam Gray** (CA-13), and **Rudy Salas** (CA-22) this election cycle.

The Blue Dogs are a coalition of House Democrats who stand for fiscal stability and national security. Blue Dogs embrace bipartisanship and work to find common sense solutions to the challenges facing our country. Blue Dogs have been at the center of the most important bipartisan policy agreements in Congress over the last 25 years.

**Rep. Jared Golden** of Maine, **Rep. Mary Peltola** of Alaska, and **Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez** of Washington serve as the three official co-chairs of the Blue Dog Coalition.

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