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DAVID CRUZ THAYNE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR CONGRESS



Democrat Will Run In the New 26th Congressional District

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA – David Cruz Thayne has announced that he is running for Congress in the newly drawn 26th Congressional District, which encompasses most of Ventura County. Thayne, a Democrat and a resident of Westlake Village, is a former professional tennis player and a small-business owner.

"I want to go to Congress to be a fresh voice for Ventura County," Thayne said. "I'm excited to bring the same passion and energy to representing the 26th District as I have to everything else I have done in my life." No incumbent member of Congress lives in the new 26th District.

Thayne and his family moved to Southern California in 1996 when Thayne left the professional tennis circuit and began a new career as a small-business owner having created a successful tennis business. Coincidently, he has worked in many facets

within Hollywood culminating in Thayne producing two award-winning documentaries.

Thayne, 40, was born in New Hampshire to an immigrant mother from Uruguay and was raised in a bi-lingual home where he learned fluent Spanish. The family later moved to Utah, where Thayne became involved in politics, working for Democratic legislators in one of the most Republican states in America, all while pursuing his athletic dreams, winning the High School state tennis championship and two Gold medals at the Utah Summer Games.

The Thayne family now consists of three children with another on the way. Thayne stays involved in a wide range of community service and volunteer activities from coaching youth athletics, volunteering in the classroom, to assisting with programs for the homeless.

Thayne has also announced the hiring of veteran Democratic consultant Garry South as his chief strategist. South has been involved in the last four governor's races, including managing Gray Davis's come-from behind, landslide victory in the 1998 governor's race and his hard-fought re-election campaign in 2002. Earlier this year, he also assisted the newest member of Congress, Rep. Janice Hahn, in her successful special election race in the 36th Congressional District in South Bay Los Angeles County, and was a top advisor to Al Gore in his overwhelming victories in the California primary and general elections in 2000.

The New York Times has called South the "Carville of California" and earlier the Capitol Weekly named this year one of the Top 50 most influential political players in California.

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