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Mateo Morelos Bedolla to Run for Denham's Seat in Congress

TRACY, Calif. (August 16, 2017): Former congressional staffer Mateo Morelos Bedolla is launching his campaign to unseat the incumbent in California's Tenth Congressional District, and continue delivering for Central Valley residents.

"First, I want to praise **Congressman Jerry McNerney** for his leadership on issues relevant to our local communities," said Bedolla. "Like Congressman McNerney, I will fight for a responsible future with affordable health care, education, living wage jobs, immigration reform, infrastructure maintenance, public services, veterans health care and benefits, a sustainable water plan, and your tax dollars working in-district."

Mateo Morelos Bedolla served California's Ninth Congressional District as a legislative and in-district staffer. He managed legislative correspondence, assisted in securing money, benefits, and military medals for constituents, and communicated how to navigate the federal bureaucracy. For civil service with the U.S. House of Representatives, Cal State East Bay Alumni Association awarded Bedolla the inaugural [40 Under 40 Award](#). Previously, he was a carpenter, a construction laborer, and a cofounder for Guardian Systems Inc. His father is a carpenter foreman, his mother is a kindergarten teacher and member of Tracy Educators Association, and his grandfather was a construction foreman, member of Laborers Union Local 304, and a former Bracero.

"[I am] committed to an economy for working people, debt-free public education, Medicare-for-all healthcare, a just immigration system, public services for the public good, and a participatory democracy that holds government accountable for the people," Bedolla concluded.

Born in Oakland, Mateo Morelos Bedolla is a graduate of local public schools (South/West Park Elementary, Earle E. Williams Middle School, and Tracy High School) and worked his way through college to earn his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Cal State East Bay.

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