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## RIOS LAUNCHES WALKING-WORKING TOUR

Pedro Rios to walk and work his way through 200 miles of Kings and Kern Counties

Assembly candidate Pedro Rios will take the first steps of the "Put California Back to Work Tour," at the Kings County northern border, crossing the bridge from Fowler Ave. in Fresno County onto 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Ave. in Kings County, on August 27 at 7am. Rios will be walking and working at farms, homes and businesses during the 20 day, 200 mile tour which will take him to the southern tip of the district in Arvin.

"I have two pairs of sturdy shoes and plenty of drinking water," said Rios, "and I plan to work alongside of those employers and employees who are making the investment of money, brains and muscle to create prosperity for the families and communities of our state."

Rios' first stop Monday morning is at the Episcopal Church of the Savior Soup Kitchen. He will also be stopping at local businesses along the route to hear from business owners, employees and customers about issues and concerns for the upcoming November 6<sup>th</sup> election.

"It's very important to me to get out and learn the real struggles that people are having in our communities," says Rios. "This is why I am walking the entire district. I want to meet as many people as possible, work alongside folks, get my hands dirty, understand what is happening in their lives today so I can better represent them."

Rios, a former Delano Mayor, teacher and soldier has worked for over 20 years in farming businesses with his family. He is a Republican running for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District and is opposed by Democrat Bakersfield city councilman Rudy Salas in the coming general election.

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