



## ASSEMBLYMEMBER PATRICK O'DONNELL ENDORSES CINDY ALLEN FOR CITY COUNCIL

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**Long Beach, CA** – Today, entrepreneur and longtime community leader Cindy announced the endorsement of Assemblymember and former Long Beach City Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell. A recognized community leader in the 70th District, Assemblymember O'Donnell has introduced numerous bills that directly help his constituents, from allocating millions of dollars to clean up oil wells and beaches to obtaining funding for shark research and beach safety measures at California State University, Long Beach.

In announcing his endorsement, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell stated:

***"Cindy Allen is a dedicated community leader with a strong record of public service. Her work as a public safety officer, small business owner, commissioner, and advocate will serve her well on the Long Beach City Council. I'm confident that Cindy will put the needs of the residents of the 2nd District first, and I'm proud to be an early supporter of her campaign for City Council."***

Cindy Allen had this to say about her most recent endorsement:

***"I am honored to receive the endorsement of Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell. He is a true champion and fighter for Long Beach. I look forward to working closely with Assemblymember O'Donnell to address our municipal priorities, enhance quality of life for our residents and restore trust in local government."***

Cindy Allen is a longtime Long Beach resident and a decorated public servant who knows the value of hard work and perseverance. Raised on the westside of Long Beach by a single mother, Cindy learned at an early age, the challenges that poverty, drug

addiction, and the need for better health care can have on a family. She quickly decided that she would succeed where others had not and would change her family's circumstances.

Professionally, Allen has had a diverse career in the City of Long Beach. With nearly a decade of service with the Long Beach Police Department, she was awarded over 20 commendations for bravery and exceptional service. As one of the very few women in the department at the time, she worked to ensure that women were treated equally in the department and given the same opportunities to succeed. After a career-ending injury on the job, Cindy took the opportunity to re-invest in Long Beach and continue to give back to the city that had given her countless opportunities.

As a breast cancer survivor, celebrating over 5-years of being cancer free, Cindy understands how important women's health issues are and the impact they have on our communities' families. As the mother of a gay daughter, she understands the importance of equal protections for all.

Most recently, Cindy has been an entrepreneur and small business owner employing over a dozen local Long Beach residents. At its launch 14 years ago, Agency: ETA was a start-up marketing and advertising firm that grew into a multi-million dollar company providing services for national brands, local businesses, and public agencies.

Cindy has also been widely recognized for her contributions to Long Beach, including being awarded Businesswoman of the Year by the Long Beach Press-Telegram and being appointed by Supervisor Janice Hahn as a commissioner to the Los Angeles County Small Business Administration. She is deeply involved in the Long Beach community and has served on numerous boards and foundations.

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Cindy is a product of the Long Beach Unified School system, having attended Stephen's Middle School, Poly High School, LBCC, and ultimately getting her Master's Degree from CSULB. She lives in downtown Long Beach with her husband of 25 years, Randy Allen, and they have two grown children, David 24, and Erin 22.