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ILWU LOCALS 13, 63, AND 94 ENDORSE LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

Gonzalez Gets Formidable Endorsements from Very Influential Labor Organizations Representing Thousands of Dock Workers

LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsements of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Locals 13, 63 and 94 in her race to replace former Senator Ricardo Lara in California's 33rd State Senate District. The Senate seat became vacant when Lara was elected and sworn-in as California's eighth elected Insurance Commissioner.

ILWU Locals 13, 63 and 94 represent thousands of full and part-time longshore workers who load and unload cargo at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach Beach. The combined Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach account for almost 46% of the commerce that enters the United States. This trio of endorsements carries significant clout with its thousands of members who live and work in the region.

ILWU Local 13 represents the longshore workers on the docks, ILWU Local 63 represents the marine clerks and ILWU Local 94 represents the dock foremen.

"Lena Gonzalez has been a champion for our issues, is battle-tested, and has always been a trusted friend of the men and women who work at the Ports of L.A. and Long Beach, said **Mark Mendoza, President of ILWU Local 13**. "In times like these, we need a State Senator who will go to Sacramento and fight not only to protect workers, but create more living wage jobs to continue growing California's economy."

"Lena Gonzalez has spent her entire adult life fighting for better working conditions for working men and women," said **Joe Gasperov, President of ILWU Local 63**. "And at the Port, we



know she'll be a tireless advocate for policies that increase international trade, connect local businesses to our Port, all while helping to protect, maintain and create more good jobs. It is our pleasure to endorse Lena Gonzalez because we believe she will be a strong ally for the ILWU and for the entire labor community."

"Lena Gonzalez is a fighter and bold champion for working people - and that's what California needs in their state legislators," said **Danny Miranda, President of ILWU Local 94**. "She understands we need good, family-wage jobs and better schools for our kids. That's why we plan to do everything we can to make sure she becomes the next state senator for California's 33rd State Senatorial District."

"I am honored to have the support of the women and men who have made the Ports of Long Beach & LA the best in the world," said Gonzalez. "Their safety and vitality as a workforce is of great importance to me. Our LB/LA harbor is the economic engine that supports good paying jobs locally and throughout the nation. I will always ensure that the women and men of the ILWU have a voice in state policy making."

ILWU Locals 13, 63 and 94 join the following in endorsing Gonzalez:

California Latino Legislative Caucus
Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Congressman Alan Lowenthal
State Senator Scott Wiener
Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
Long Beach Councilmember Jeannine Pearce
Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson
Long Beach Councilmember Roberto Uranga
Huntington Park Vice Mayor Karina Macias
Huntington Park Councilmember Graciela Ortiz
Huntington Park Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria
Huntington Park Councilmember Manny Avila
Paramount Mayor Diane J. Martinez
LBCCD Board President Sunny Zia
LBCCD Board Vice President Vivian Malauulu
LBCCD Trustee Uduak-Joe Ntuk



Earlier this week, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation declaring a special election in the 33rd State Senate District. A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. If a run-off is needed, the run-off election will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez has served on the Long Beach City Council since 2014 representing Downtown Long Beach and surrounding communities. She has served as the Vice Chair of the city's State Legislative committee for the past five years, and chairs the Harbor and Tidelands Committee.

Councilwoman Gonzalez lives in Downtown Long Beach with her husband Adam and their three sons. She graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from Cal State Long Beach and an MBA from Loyola Marymount University. She currently is employed with Microsoft, focused on issues around digital inclusion and tech equity.

The 33rd District includes the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount, Signal Hill, South Gate, Vernon, portions of the City of Los Angeles and the unincorporated communities of Florence and Walnut Park.

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