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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

LONG BEACH, CA - Mayor Robert Garcia is announcing his endorsement today of Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez for State Senate. Mayor Garcia joins Insurance Commissioner-Elect Ricardo Lara in endorsing Gonzalez.

"I've worked with Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez for 10 years, and during that time she's been my partner in expanding our fire and police departments, supporting small businesses, and fighting for the rights of all workers. She's smart, independent, and will be a strong voice for Long Beach," said Mayor Garcia.



He continued, "As Mayor and a Metro Board member representing much of South East Los Angeles, I'm looking forward to doing everything I can to support Lena."

Garcia and Gonzalez have been working together for over 10 years. Gonzalez was a District Deputy in then Councilman Garcia's First District Office. She succeeded him to the Long Beach City Council's First District when he was elected Mayor in 2014. Gonzalez won re-election in 2018 and was unopposed.

Garcia appointed Gonzalez as the Vice Chair of the State Legislative Committee where she has worked for the past five years to pass climate change policy, support workers, and create housing.

"I am proud to be a leader with Mayor Garcia in moving our city forward. We have worked to reduce homelessness, create affordable housing, and bring millions of dollars of resources to support our most vulnerable populations," said Councilwoman Gonzalez. "I am excited to continue this partnership to ensure Long Beach and the cities along the 710 corridor get the resources they deserve."

Gonzalez has been an active member of the Long Beach City Council and has championed the City's Styrofoam Ban, Citywide Project Labor Agreement, and a Digital Inclusion Initiative.

Long Beach is the largest city in Senate District 33 and represents nearly half of the total voters in the Senate Seat.

For more information on Councilwoman Gonzalez's campaign, please visit <http://VoteLenaGonzalez.com>.

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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.

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