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LONG BEACH COUNCILWOMAN LENA GONZALEZ NAMES COUNCILMEMBER REX RICHARDSON AS CAMPAIGN CHAIR FOR STATE SENATE CAMPAIGN

LONG BEACH, CA - Today, Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced her selection of North Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson as her Campaign Chair for State Senate. Councilmember Richardson was elected in 2014 to the Long Beach City Council, serves as a



member of the Southern California Association of Governments and is a leading voice on economic inclusion throughout the region. As Campaign Chair, Richardson will play a critical role in shaping the direction of the campaign through policy, fundraising and community engagement.

Statement from Campaign Chair Rex Richardson:

"Lena represents a new future for Long Beach and every city in the 33rd Senate District. Her dynamic vision and passion for public service will make her an effective leader in Sacramento and strong voice for working families.

"As incoming Campaign Chair, I call on all our local leaders in Long Beach and across the region to unite behind this campaign for economic opportunity, good jobs, and equality."

Councilwoman Gonzalez has served on the Long Beach City Council since 2014 representing Downtown Long Beach and surrounding communities. She has served for the past five years on the city's State Legislative committee as the Vice Chair and chairs the Harbor and Ports Committee. She is currently in the private sector and works for Microsoft focused on issues around digital inclusion and tech equity.

Statement from Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez:

"Rex has been a personal friend and colleague of mine for over a decade. We have worked together to fund park programming, affordable housing and creative developments to lift our communities out of poverty and provide equitable opportunities throughout Long Beach. I am excited to have his vision and leadership at the helm of this campaign."

Gonzalez has authored and co-authored over 150 agenda items - more agenda items than any other member of the current City Council. She has championed issues such as creating a citywide Project Labor Agreement, banning Expanded Polystyrene takeout containers and creating workplace protections for truck drivers and hotel workers. She fought to add more park space and programming into underserved parks, created more opportunities for small businesses to participate in city contracts and created the first Digital Inclusion Blueprint in the City of Long Beach to ensure every resident has access to the Internet.



Prior to serving on the City Council, Gonzalez worked with Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia in his City Council District. Her father was a Teamster truck driver for over 30 years and her mother, who immigrated to the United States at a young age, currently works in technology.

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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