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## **LONG BEACH COUNCILWOMAN LENA GONZALEZ ANNOUNCES RUN FOR STATE SENATE**

***California Insurance Commissioner-Elect and Senator  
Ricardo Lara Endorses Gonzalez to succeed him***

**LONG BEACH, CA** - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez filed paperwork today to replace California Insurance Commissioner-Elect Ricardo Lara in the California State Senate and kicked off her campaign with the strong endorsement of the outgoing Senator.



**Statement from Insurance Commissioner-Elect Ricardo Lara:**

*"There is no better person to replace me in the State Senate than Lena Gonzalez. A dynamic woman in business. A mom with three sons. And a City Council leader.*

*"Lena took on the big corporations to protect the environment by banning styrofoam containers and protecting women working in hotels from sexual harassment and assault. Lena protected blue-collar jobs and stood up for the LGBTQ and immigrant communities. And Lena led the way to bring every child access to technology.*

*"Lena represents the future.*

*"As more people in every community meet her, they will appreciate why I am strongly supporting Lena Gonzalez for State Senate."*

Councilwoman 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. She currently is employed with Microsoft, focused on issues around digital inclusion and tech equity.

**Statement from Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez:**

*"I thank Insurance Commissioner-Elect Ricardo Lara for his confidence in my work and overall, for his strong support. I am committed to a new vision for Long Beach & South East LA - tackling climate change, creating more opportunities for affordable housing and un-apologetically supporting working families. I look forward to sharing ideas with community members in Senate District 33."*

Gonzalez has authored and co-authored over 150 agenda items and is one of the most active members of the City Council. She has championed issues such as creating a citywide Project Labor Agreement, banning Styrofoam containers and creating workplace protections for port truck drivers and hotel workers.

Additionally, she fought to add more park space and programming in underserved communities, created more options for small businesses to participate in city contracts and created the City's first Digital Inclusion Roadmap, to ensure every Long Beach family has access to the Internet.



She was raised in a humble family environment, where her father was a Teamsters truck driver and her mother, who immigrated to the United States at a young age, worked her way from the Port of LA through Corporate America.

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.

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

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