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LENA GONZALEZ IS THE FIRST CANDIDATE TO QUALIFY FOR THE BALLOT FOR THE 33RD SENATE DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

LONG BEACH, CA - Less than 48-hours after Governor Gavin Newsom called for a special election in Senate District 33, and on the heels of receiving the powerful endorsement of the California Latino Legislative Caucus, Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez became the first candidate to qualify for the ballot.

Gonzalez, who accomplished this feat in less than 24 hours, issued the following statement:

"We are running a people-powered campaign and I am truly grateful for the faith and confidence we have received from voters and working families. The fact that we were able to accomplish this feat in less than 24 hours speaks volumes to the organization we have put together in this campaign. We look forward to continuing this momentum to election day and beyond."

A special election is being held to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Ricardo Lara who resigned to assume the role of California's 8th elected Insurance Commissioner. Lara has endorsed Gonzalez to replace him in the California State Senate.

Gonzalez has served on the Long Beach City Council since 2014 representing Downtown Long Beach and surrounding communities. She serves as Vice Chair of the city's State Legislative Committee and chairs the Harbor and Tidelands Committee.

Gonzalez lives in Downtown Long Beach with her fiance and life partner, 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.



In addition to being endorsed by the California Latino Legislative Caucus, Gonzalez has previously announce the following endorsements:

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
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 63
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 94

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.

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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