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LONG BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ENDORSE LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsements of the majority of the Board of Trustees of the Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) in her race for the 33rd State Senatorial District.



Board President Sunny Zia, Board Vice President Vivian Malauulu and Trustee Uduak-Joe Ntuk have all endorsed her campaign. They released the following statements on why they are endorsing Gonzalez:

Board President Sunny Zia:

"As President of the LBCCD board, I am proud to support Lena Gonzalez for State Senate. Lena is a strong woman who will stand up for California's students, especially those experiencing homelessness. This is an area I have championed on the board and an issue that I will be proud to work with her on."

Board Vice President Vivian Malauulu:

"As a product of community colleges, Lena understands first hand the positive impact community colleges have on California's economy. Lena has assured me that our very successful Long Beach College Promise will serve as a statewide model to ensure that Californians have real access to higher education."

Trustee Uduak-Joe Ntuk:

"I'm proud to endorse Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez for the 33rd Senate District. She is a proud product of the California community college system who shares my commitment to affordable higher education, expanding access to high paying science, technology, engineer, and math (STEM) careers, and working to bridge the digital divide to ensure everyone can participate in the 21st century economy."

Zia is serving her second term on the Long Beach Community College District Board, having been elected Trustee for Area 3 in April of 2014 and then re-elected in 2018. She is a first-generation immigrant who grew up in a hardworking family that raised her with the guiding principles of the American dream. From a young age they instilled in her the importance of education as the pathway to success.

Malauulu is the first Latina elected to the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees to represent Area 2 which covers all of West Long Beach and the south-central parts of the city. She is also the first board member with direct ties to a Polynesian family.

Ntuk represents the residents of Uptown Long Beach on the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees. Elected in 2018, Ntuk is an engineer, professor, and administrator who serves on the college's audit and facilities committees. Prior to his election, he served two



terms on the LBCCD Personal Commission and taught engineering courses at California State University, Long Beach.

"I'm proud to be endorsed by my friends and colleagues who have always had my support," said Gonzalez. "Community colleges provide students with the knowledge and background necessary to compete in today's economy. With a wide range of educational offerings, the colleges provide workforce training, basic courses in English and math, certificate and degree programs and preparation for transfer to four-year institutions. I commit to Trustees Zia, Malauulu and Ntuk and to all Californians that if I am elected to the California State Senate, community colleges will have a champion in me."

Zia, Malauulu and Ntuk join the following in endorsing Gonzalez for State Senate:

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
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

For more information on Gonzalez's campaign for State Senate, 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.



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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