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CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ENDORSE LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

Gonzalez Continues to Secure Major Statewide Endorsements

LONG BEACH, CA - Capturing one of the most sought-after endorsements in California, today Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced that she has received the endorsement of California Professional Firefighters (CPF) in her campaign for State Senate.

With a membership of more than 30,000, CPF is the largest statewide organization dedicated exclusively to serving the needs of career firefighters. It is one of the nation's strongest and most influential public employee organizations. CPF is the state council for the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) and their membership is limited to full-time, paid firefighters.

"California Professional Firefighters are proud to support Lena Gonzalez for State Senate," said **Brian Rice, President of CPF**. "Throughout her career, Lena Gonzalez has been a strong, uncompromising voice for first responders, their families and the citizens we serve. She has stood with California's firefighters in good times and bad and we are proud to stand with her."



"I'm honored to have the support of the brave women & men of California Professional Firefighters," said **Gonzalez**. "As a member of the State Senate, I will make sure that our rank & file firefighters have the support they need to keep our state and communities safe. As our state has suffered major wildfires and an ongoing need for more fire resources, I look forward to working with them on state policies that move California in the right direction."

CPF joins the Long Beach Firefighters Association, the Long Beach Police Officers Association and a prominent list of supporters who have endorsed Gonzalez including Congressman Alan Lowenthal, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Mayor Robert Garcia and a host of local city council members, community college trustees, school board members, water board members and many labor organizations. The following have previously announced their endorsements of Gonzalez's campaign:

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Congressman Alan Lowenthal
Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia

Local Elected Officials

Long Beach Councilmember Suja Lowenthal (ret.)
Long Beach Councilmember Jeannine Pearce
Long Beach Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga (ret.)
Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson
Long Beach Councilmember Roberto Uranga
Long Beach CCD Trustee Vivian Malauulu
Long Beach CCD Trustee Uduak-Joe Ntuk
Long Beach CCD Trustee Sunny Zia
Long Beach USD Board Member Dr. Juan Benitez
Long Beach USD Board Member Diana Craighead
Long Beach USD Board Member Megan Kerr
Downey Mayor Fernando Vasquez (ret.)
Huntington Park Vice Mayor Karina Macias
Huntington Park Councilmember Manuel "Manny" Avila
Huntington Park Councilmember Graciela Ortiz
Huntington Park Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria
Lakewood Councilmember Jeff Wood
Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez
Los Angeles Community College District Trustee Dr. Gabriel Buelna



Norwalk-La Mirada USD Board Member Jesse Urquidi
Paramount Mayor Diane J. Martinez
Rolling Hills Mayor Patrick Wilson
Signal Hill Councilmember Larry Forester
South Gate Councilmember Gil Hurtado (ret.)
Water Replenishment District of So. CA Board Member Rob Katherman

State Legislators

State Senator Holly Mitchell
State Senator Scott Wiener
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez
Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell

Organizations Representing Working Women and Men

California Services Employees International Union (SEIU)
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 952
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 63
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 94
Ironworkers Local 433
Long Beach Firefighters Local 372
Long Beach Police Officers Association
Painters & Allied Trades International Union District Council 36
Plumbers Local 78
Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16
Teamsters Local 63
United Association Local 250
United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Local 324
Unite-HERE Local 11

Other Organizations

CA Latino Legislative Caucus

Gonzalez is running to replace Ricardo Lara, who resigned to serve as California's 6th elected Insurance Commissioner. Lara has endorsed Gonzalez to replace him in the California State Senate.

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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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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