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STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

Coalition Representing Over 400,000 Workers Endorses Gonzalez

LONG BEACH, CA - The State Building & Construction Trades Council of California (SBCTC) AFL-CIO announced their endorsement of Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez's campaign for State Senate.

"Lena Gonzalez is a fighter for workers and will be completely dedicated to improving the lives of all working families," said **Cesar Diaz, Legislative & Political Director of the State Building & Construction Trades Council**. "We are proud to endorse her for the California State Senate so that working Californians have a stronger voice in the Legislature."

The State Building and California Trades Council of California, AFL-CIO represents more than 400,000 men and women in the construction trades along with their families. Their mission is to improve the health, jobs safety, and economic conditions of the members of its affiliates, and of all working men and women in the construction industry.

Also endorsing Gonzalez is the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building Trades Council. They are an umbrella group representing 48 local unions and district councils in 14 Trades. Membership in these unions totals more than 100,000 skilled men and women in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

"Lena Gonzalez has been a true advocate on behalf of the hard working men and women who make up the Los Angeles and Orange County Building and Construction Trades," said **Ron Miller, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council**. "She's exemplified what it means to be an effective leader and a fighter for



the voiceless and for the less fortunate. Lena has long supported our priorities and championed the creation of a citywide Project Labor Agreement, prevailing wage, local hire, and investments in infrastructure in California's 7th largest city. Her policies have bolster our economy and created more good paying jobs. We are proud to endorse her and will do all we can to ensure that she is elected."

"I am proud of the work that I've done as a member of the Long Beach City Council from creating a city-wide project labor agreement to prevailing wages to apprenticeships and protecting wage theft," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "Whether it is in the private sector, public sector, at our ports, refineries or public works projects, I will continue the fight to improve the health, safety and working conditions of those individuals who everyday are building up California. That's why the largest public sector unions – from teachers to Teamsters and laborer's – back my campaign."

The SBCTC joins the following local building trades unions in endorsing Gonzalez for State Senate:

- Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council
- Ironworkers Local 416
- Ironworkers Local 433
- Laborers Local 1309
- Painters & Allied Trades Int'l Union District Council 36
- Plumbers Local 78
- Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16
- Teamsters Local 63
- Teamsters Local 848
- Teamsters Local 952
- United Association Local 250

For a complete list of endorsements, please visit <http://VoteLenaGonzalez.com/endorsements>

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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