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## **LONG BEACH DEMOCRATS UNITE BEHIND LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE**

**LONG BEACH, CA** - Long Beach Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsement of the three Long Beach based Democratic Clubs - the Long Beach Democratic Club, the Long Beach Young Democrats and the Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach - in her race for State Senate.

In addition to the endorsement of the three Long Beach based Democratic Clubs, the California Young Democrats (CYD) conducted an endorsement interview this past weekend where Gonzalez received over 62% of the votes cast for endorsement.

"The Long Beach Democratic Club is proud to support Councilmember Lena Gonzalez for the 33rd Senate District," said the **President of the Long Beach Democratic Club, Dr. Ennette Morton** in a statement. "We believe her commitment and proven experience with supporting workers' rights, LGBTQ community, environmental policies, education for all, and working families in the region, will make her an effective legislator for our district and California."

**Sharon Weissman, long time Party activist and President of the Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach** said, "Lena is the one candidate in this race who most personifies the values and the principals of the Democratic Party. She has spent her entire career standing up for working families and advocating for good jobs, fair wages, and quality and affordable health care. That is why Lena has support from activists from throughout the 33rd State Senatorial District. No matter where you live in the district, you will have a champion in Lena!"

The Long Beach Young Democrats (LBYD) are excited to endorse Lena Gonzalez for State Senate," said **Chris Chavez, President of the Long Beach Young Democrats**. "Our elected leaders must be able to meet the challenges of our times, such as the climate crisis, housing costs and the need for gainful employment. As a former LBYD President, mother and



community leader, Lena understands these needs and will deliver results for the communities of the 33rd Senate District.

"I am honored to have received the endorsement of Long Beach Democrats in my race for State Senate," said **Long Beach Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "I have spent my tenure on the Long Beach City Council standing up for working families and advocating for good jobs, fair wages, quality and affordable health care, the environment and much more. Long Beach Democrats know that I will always stand up and defend the values and principles that unite us as Democrats and the notion that anyone, from any walk of life, should have a fair shot at the American Dream."

The three Long Beach based Democratic Clubs join Long Beach Area Congresswoman Alan Lowenthal, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and the following in endorsing Gonzalez.

Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster (ret.)  
Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert  
Long Beach Councilmember Jeannie Pearce  
Long Beach Councilmember Suzie Prize  
Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson  
Long Beach Councilmember Roberto Uranga  
Long Beach Councilwoman Suja Lowenthal (ret.)  
Long Beach Councilwoman Tonia Reyes Uranga (ret.)  
Long Beach CCD President Sunny Zia  
Long Beach CCD Vice President Vivian Malauulu  
Long Beach CCD Trustee Uduak-Joe Ntuk  
Long Beach USD Board Member Dr. Juan Benitez  
Long Beach USD Board Member Diana Craighead  
Long Beach USD Board Member Megan Kerr  
California League of Conservation Voters  
Equality California  
Long Beach Firefighters Association  
Long Beach Police Officers Association  
Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project  
Stonewall Democratic Club

For a complete list of endorsements, please visit  
<http://www.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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