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## **LENA GONZALEZ ENDORSED BY OVER 300,000 CLASSROOM TEACHERS IN HER RACE FOR STATE SENATE**

**LONG BEACH, CA** - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsement of the the California Teachers Association (CTA) in her campaign for State Senate.

Founded in 1863, CTA has become one of the strongest advocates for educators in the country. CTA includes teachers, counselors, school librarians, social workers, psychologists, and nurses. These educators in the K-12 school system are joined by community college faculty, California State University faculty, and education support professionals to make CTA the most inclusive and most powerful voice of educators in the state - 325,000 members strong.

"Lena Gonzalez has worked to create career pathways for youth, especially girls and children of color, to have access to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs in our schools," said **Eric C. Heins, President of CTA**. "As State Senator, Lena will fight to protect education funding, stand up for students and their teachers and ensure all children receive a quality education. For these reasons, CTA members proudly support Lena."



"I'm honored to received the support and confidence of California's classroom teachers who play such a pivotal role in our children's lives," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "As a parent of three boys, I know the transformative role education can have for a child which is why I will make education and restoring funding to our classrooms a priority in the Senate, and ensure that parents, students, and teachers have a voice in Sacramento."

CTA joins the following in endorsing Gonzalez for State Senate:

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 Scott Wiener  
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez  
Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell

**Organizations Representing Working Women and Men**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AFL-CIO  
California Constructions & Building Trades Council  
California Professional Firefighters  
California Services Employees International Union (SEIU)  
*IATSE - All Los Angeles Based Locals*  
International Association of Machinists (IAM) District 947  
International Longshore & Warehouse Union So. CA District Council  
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13  
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 63  
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 94  
Ironworkers Local 416  
Ironworkers Local 433  
Laboers Local 1309  
Long Beach Firefighters Association  
Long Beach Police Officers Association  
National Union of Healthcare Workers  
Painters & Allied Trades International 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  
United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Local 324  
Unite-HERE Local 11

**Other Organizations**

California Latino Legislative Caucus  
California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV)  
Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach  
Equality California



Long Beach Democratic Club  
Long Beach Young Democrats  
Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles  
Stonewall Democratic Club

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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