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SENATOR SUSAN RUBIO AND ASSEMBLYMEMBER BLANCA RUBIO ENDORSE LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

LONG BEACH, CA - Continuing on the momentum her campaign has built over the last several weeks, Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsements highly respected legislators, Senator Susan Rubio and Assemblymember Blanca Rubio. Senator Rubio and Assemblywoman Rubio are the first two sisters to serve together in the California Legislature.

Senator Rubio was elected in November of 2018 to represent the 22nd State Senatorial District which encompassed most of the San Gabriel Valley. Prior to her election to the Senate, Senator Rubio served for ten years as a member of the Baldwin Park City Council and prior to that, served as the City Clerk. Senator Rubio has over two decades of experience as a community leader, classroom teacher, public servant, and as a lifelong champion for children, working families, economic justice and the environment.

Assemblywoman Rubio was elected in November of 2016 and re-elected in November of 2018 to represent the 48th State Assembly District. Before being elected to the Assembly, Assemblywoman Rubio spent 16 years as a teacher and 20 years in elected office, serving on the Valley County Water Board, and Baldwin Park Unified School District. Her students-first philosophy made Blanca a leader and champion for students in and out of the classroom. She was successful in her efforts to improve academic outcomes for students, aligning them with vital resources for college preparation.

In a story familiar to many immigrants, the Rubio sisters didn't know they were in the United States illegally. Their father had been in the Bracero program, working on bridges along the Texas-Mexico border, and the family stayed in the United States after the program ended. Then came the day when Blanca, then 5, and Susan, 4, were enjoying a traveling carnival in Winnie,



Texas, about 60 miles east of Houston. Their parents were confronted by immigration agents demanding papers. The entire family was deported back to Mexico. The family returned to the United States, legally, and settled in Los Angeles. Susan and Blanca became citizens in 1994 and both earned master's degrees in education at Azusa Pacific University.

"I am honored to be endorsed by Senator Rubio and Assemblywoman Rubio," said Gonzalez. "Their story is the American story which is shared by many individuals in the 33rd District and throughout California. Their story, from being deported to returning to the United States and eventually becoming citizens and now serving in the California legislature is only possible in our great country. I look forward to working with them in ensuring that all Californians have the same opportunity to achieve their God-given potential. I am thankful for their faith and confidence in me and I look forward to working with both of them when I am elected to the Senate."

Senator Rubio and Assemblywoman 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
Laborers 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)
California Teachers Association
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://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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