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CAL FIRE ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

The Men and Women of California's Largest Fire Department Stand with Gonzalez

LONG BEACH, CA - Continuing earning endorsements of first responders, Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsement of the men and women of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE Local 2881).

CAL FIRE Local 2881 represents more than 6,500 men and women within CAL FIRE, the largest fire department in California and the third largest in the United States. The men and women of CAL FIRE are dedicated to the fire protection and stewardship of over 31 million acres of California's privately-owned wildlands. In addition, the Department provides varied emergency services in 36 of the State's 58 counties via contracts with local governments. CAL FIRE is also involved in many other areas of emergency response including EMT, paramedic services, emergency transportation, flood, earthquakes and riots. The Department's firefighters, fire engines, and aircraft respond to an average of more than 5,600 wildland fires each year. Those fires burn more than 172,000 acres annually. CAL FIRE answers the call more than 350,000 times for other emergencies each year.

"Our active and retired members look forward to working with you on legislation affecting CAL FIRE and enhancing emergency services for the citizens of California," said **Tim Edwards, President of CAL FIRE Local 2881**. "We hope our endorsement of your candidacy will assist you, and more importantly, the voters in the 33rd Senate District in making their choice on Election Day. We look forward to working with you in the years to come."



CAL FIRE joins the California Professional Firefighters, the Long Beach Firefighters Association and the following individuals and organizations 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
CA State Treasurer Fiona Ma

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
Signal Hill City Clerk Keir Jones
South Gate Councilmember Gil Hurtado (ret.)
Water Replenishment District of So. CA Board Member Rob Katherman

State Legislators



Senator Maria Elena Durazo
Senator Holly Mitchell
Senator Blanca Rubio
Senator Scott Wiener
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez
Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell
Assemblymember Blanca Rubio

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)
California Teachers Association
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)



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
Women's Political Committee

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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