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LENA GONZALEZ EARNED ENDORSEMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA NURSES ASSOCIATION

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

Founded in 1903, the California Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee/AFL-CIO is a premiere organization of registered nurses and one of the nation's fastest growing labor and professional organizations in the U.S. with more than 100,000 members in hospitals, clinics and home health agencies in all 50 states. In the past 15 years, CNA/NNOC has grown by nearly 400 percent.

"Lena Gonzalez is a proven leader who will bring fresh energy and leadership to Sacramento, said **Malinda Markowitz, RN, Co-President of the California Nurses Association**. "We are proud to endorse her because of her inspiring vision and her proven track record of defending the vulnerable in our society. We look forward to working with Lena when she is elected to the State Senate."

"I am grateful to have the support of the women and men who serve on the front lines of healthcare in California," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "The California Nurses Association has an incredible track record of improving patient care protections and hospital safety. In the Senate, I look forward to working closely with the women and men of CNA to continue improving health care outcomes in California."

CNA joins 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 Susan 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

CAL FIRE Local 2881

California Building & Construction 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 Collective Association

Long Beach Democratic Club

Long Beach Young Democrats



Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
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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