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LENA GONZALEZ IS THE CLEAR CHOICE OF LEADING WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN SD-33

LONG BEACH, CA - Cementing her role as the preferred choice of women organizations, Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the much coveted and powerful endorsements of California Women's List and the California Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus in her race for State Senate. They join the Women's Political Committee, Democratic Women's Study Club and Planned Parenthood in endorsing Gonzalez.

Although there are 5 women on the ballot, and after researching all the candidates, submitting questionnaires and conducting interviews with the candidates, Gonzalez continues to be the sole candidate to earn the endorsements of women organizations. Gonzalez has advocated fiercely to create economic opportunities for all families and is dedicated to promoting quality education, protecting the environment, and attracting innovation to her community.

California Women's List is a Political Action Committee dedicated to fundraising for, supporting, and electing pro-choice, Democratic women to office in California. They are building a future of equal and equitable representation for women in our state government by giving endorsed candidates financial support and the tools they need to fundraise and win in California.

"As City Council Member for Long Beach, Gonzalez worked tirelessly to ensure the right of hotel workers to organize and collectively bargain in Long Beach hotels was realized. She also advocated to provide workplace protections against sexual harassment. These issues largely impact women in the workforce and California Women's List knows Gonzalez will continue to advocate for a safe and equitable work environment for women," said **Emily Zahn, Board President of California Women's List**. "We are proud to endorse Gonzalez and eager to see what she achieves for Senate District 33 and women statewide."

"I am so pleased to be endorsed by California Women's List," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "As State Senator, I will stand up for women's health and their



well-being. I will be a champion for choice, access to reproductive and preventative healthcare, and other issues that matter to women and girls."

The Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus is made up of the 31 Democratic women members of the State Legislature. They represent and advocate on behalf of the diverse interests of women, children and families throughout California. They seek to increase participation and representation of women in state government. Members of the Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus seek to promote sound legislative policies and budget priorities that will improve the well-being of women, children and families and to work cooperatively with local, state and national women's organizations interested in advancing policies to achieve these same objectives.

"When women are elected to statewide offices, the issues that are elevated change," said **Senator Connie Leyva, Chair of the California Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus.** "We think Lena Gonzalez can join our collective voice and further magnify the work we are doing for women and families in the golden state."

"Women are few in the legislature making up only 30 percent of both the Senate and Assembly," added Gonzalez. "The communities represented in the 33rd Senate district need an activist voice to represent them. Democratic women in the Senate and Assembly are leaders and they continue to push legislation and issues that better the lives of women and children. I look forward to representing the 33rd Senate District and to joining their ranks and working collaboratively for a better California."

To date, Gonzalez has received endorsements from the following individuals and organizations:

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

CAL FIRE Local 2881
California Building & Construction Trades Council
California Latino Legislative Caucus
California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV)
California Nurses Association
California Professional Firefighters
California Services Employees International Union (SEIU)



California Teachers Association
Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach
Equality California
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
Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Long Beach Collective Association
Long Beach Democratic Club
Long Beach Firefighters Association
Long Beach Police Officers Association
Long Beach Young Democrats
National Union of Healthcare Workers
Painters & Allied Trades International Union District Council 36
Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)
Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles
Plumbers Local 78
Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16
Stonewall Democratic Club
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
Women's Political Committee

For a complete list of endorsements, please visit 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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