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SENATOR KEVIN DE LEON ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

Gonzalez earns the backing of the respected and former leader of the California State Senate

LONG BEACH, CA - Heading into Election Day, Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced that she has received the powerful endorsement of Senator Kevin De Leon (ret.) in her race for State Senate. Gonzalez is running to replace Ricardo Lara who resigned to serve as California's 6th elected Insurance Commissioner.

De Leon served in the California State Senate from 2010 to 2018 serving as the very powerful President Pro Tempore of the Senate from October 2015 to March 2018. Prior to his election to the Senate, De Leon served in the State Assembly from 2006 to 2010.

"It has never been more critical that we send champions for working families to Sacramento," said **Senator Kevin De Leon**. "With our greatest challenges ahead of us, I couldn't be more proud to endorse Lena Gonzalez for State Senate. I have long admired the great work she has done on the Long Beach City Council, and I know she will deliver for the people of the 33rd District on Day 1."

"I am honored to receive the personal endorsement of Senator Kevin De Leon," said **Long Beach Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "Kevin has been a champion for progressive causes during his 12-year tenure in the legislature. Whether it was taking a stand for the environment, gun control, health care or a myriad of other causes, Kevin has been on the forefront and has led. I look forward to his counsel and friendship when I am elected to the California State Senate."

De Leon joins the following individuals and organizations in endorsing Gonzalez:



Organizations

CAL FIRE Local 2881

California Building & Construction Trades Council

California Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus

California Latino Legislative Caucus

California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV)

California Nurses Association

California Professional Firefighters

California Services Employees International Union (SEIU)

California State University Long Beach College Democrats

California Teachers Association

California Voices for Progress

California Women's List

Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach

Equality California

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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

Los Angeles County Young Democrats

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

Smart Justice California



Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16
Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters
Stonewall Democratic Club
Teamsters Local 63
Teamsters Local 848
Teamsters Local 952
UFCW Local 770
United Association Local 250
United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Local 324
Unite-HERE Local 11
Women's Political Committee
Statewide Elected Officials
State Treasurer Fiona Ma
Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Attorney General Bill Lockyer (ret.)

Members of Congress

Congressman Alan Lowenthal

State Legislators

Senator Maria Elena Durazo
Senator Holly Mitchell
Senator Susan Rubio
Senator Scott Wiener
Assemblymember Ian Calderon
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez
Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell
Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
Assemblymember Miguel Santiago

Local Elected Officials

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster (ret.)
Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert
Long Beach Councilmember Stacy Mungo
Long Beach Councilmember Jeannine Pearce
Long Beach Councilmember Suzie Price



Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson
Long Beach Councilmember Roberto Uranga
Long Beach Councilmember Suja Lowenthal (ret.)
Long Beach Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga (ret.)
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.)
El Monte Councilwoman Jessica Ancona
Huntington Park Mayor Karina Macias
Huntington Park Vice Mayor 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 CCD Trustee Dr. Gabriel Buelna
Los Angeles CCD Trustee Steven Veres
Norwalk-La Mirada USD Board Member Jesse Urquidi
Paramount Mayor Diane J. Martinez
Paramount City Councilmember Daryl Hofmeyer
Paramount City Councilmember Peggy Lemons
Rolling Hills Mayor Patrick Wilson
Signal Hill Mayor Tina Hansen
Signal Hill Councilmember Larry Forester
Signal Hill Councilmember Keir Jones
South Gate Councilmember Gil Hurtado (ret.)
Water Replenishment District of So. CA Board Member Rob Katherman

Democratic Party Officials

CDP Acting Chair Alexandra "Alex" Gallardo-Rooker
LACDP Chair Mark Gonzalez

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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