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LENA GONZALEZ ENDORSED BY OVER 300,000 CLASSROOM TEACHERS IN HER RACE FOR STATE SENATE

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

Founded in 1863, CTA has become one of the strongest advocates for educators in the country. CTA includes teachers, counselors, school librarians, social workers, psychologists, and nurses. These educators in the K-12 school system are joined by community college faculty, California State University faculty, and education support professionals to make CTA the most inclusive and most powerful voice of educators in the state - 325,000 members strong.

"Lena Gonzalez has worked to create career pathways for youth, especially girls and children of color, to have access to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs in our schools," said **Eric C. Heins, President of CTA**. "As State Senator, Lena will fight to protect education funding, stand up for students and their teachers and ensure all children receive a quality education. For these reasons, CTA members proudly support Lena."

"I'm honored to receive the support and confidence of California's classroom teachers who play such a pivotal role in our children's lives," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena**



Gonzalez. "As a parent of three boys, I know the transformative role education can have for a child which is why I will make education and restoring funding to our classrooms a priority in the Senate, and ensure that parents, students, and teachers have a voice in Sacramento."

CTA joins 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)
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://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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