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EMILY'S LIST ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, the Democratic Party's nominee for State Senate in the 33rd District, announced today that EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, has endorsed her for election to the California State Senate.

Gonzalez was the top vote getter in the Primary Election on March 26, 2019, earning 31% of the vote in a field of 12 candidates. Gonzalez earned more than twice the number of votes than her closest competitor.

"Lena Gonzalez is a tireless advocate for coastal communities and California's working families. As a Long Beach City Councilmember, Lena has been a passionate advocate for public education, environmental protection, and women's equality," said **Geri Prado, senior director of state and local campaigns at EMILY's List**. "We are excited to support Lena's campaign for California State Senate."

"I am honored to have earned the endorsement of EMILY's List," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "Their endorsement now more than ever means so much since I am facing an ultra right-wing conservative in the June run-off. Californians deserve a champion, not an extremist who does not share our values. When elected to the State Senate, I



will fight for women's reproductive health and equal pay, and I will make it one of my top priorities to end violence against women."

EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, has raised over \$600 million to elect pro-choice Democratic women candidates. With a grassroots community of over five million members, EMILY's List helps Democratic women win competitive campaigns – across the country and up and down the ballot – by recruiting and training candidates, supporting strong campaigns, researching the issues that impact women and families, and turning out women voters to the polls.

Since their founding in 1985, they have helped elect 150 women to the House, 26 to the Senate, 16 governors, and nearly 1,100 women to state and local office. Nearly 40 percent of the candidates EMILY's List has helped elect to Congress have been women of color. During the historic 2017-2018 cycle, EMILY's List raised a record-breaking \$110 million and launched a record independent expenditure campaign. They helped elect 34 new women to the House, including 24 red-to-blue victories; enough seats to have delivered the U.S. House majority alone. Since the 2016 election, more than 46,000 women have reached out to EMILY's List about running for office, laying the groundwork for the next decade of candidates for local, state, and national offices.

EMILY's List joins Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project, California Women's List, the California Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus, Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach, Fund Her, Women's Political Committee, and the National Women's Political Caucus in endorsing 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.

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 serves as Vice Chair of the city's State Legislative Committee and Chair of the Harbor and Tidelands Committee.



Gonzalez lives in Downtown Long Beach with her fiancé and life partner, 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. Currently employed with Microsoft, she focuses on issues around digital inclusion, tech equity and criminal justice reform.

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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