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## **LOS ANGELES MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE**

**LONG BEACH, CA** - In one of the most significant endorsements to date, Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the support of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti in her campaign to represent the 33rd District in the California State Senate.

Gonzalez is the Democratic Party's nominee for State Senate in the 33rd District. She 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.

The 33rd District includes 13 cities, including portions of the City of Los Angeles, and the unincorporated communities of Florence and Walnut Park.

"Now more than ever, we need members in the legislature who will fight to protect California values," said **Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti**. "That's why I am supporting Lena Gonzalez for State Senate. As a member of the Long Beach City Council, Lena has been a champion for working men and women, for the environment, for the LGBT community and for anyone who's needed a voice."

**Garcetti** added, "Lena comes from local government and understands the impacts state laws have on our local communities. I look forward to doing everything I can to ensure Lena is elected."

Garcetti is a fourth-generation Angeleno and the 42nd Mayor of Los Angeles. Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley — the son of public servants and the grandson and great-grandson of immigrants from Mexico and Eastern Europe — Garcetti's life has been shaped by a deep commitment to the core values of justice, dignity, and equality for all people. First elected to the



Mayorship in 2013, Garcetti was overwhelmingly elected to a second term in 2017. He is the city's first elected Jewish mayor, its youngest mayor in history, and its second consecutive Mexican American mayor.

"I am thrilled to receive the endorsement of Mayor Eric Garcetti who has been a tremendous and outspoken leader on the environment, infrastructure, and immigration reform. I'm proud to have his support," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "Whether it is investing in better paying jobs, protecting our open spaces and environment, or calling for humane immigration reform that fulfills our promise to DREAMers and keeps families together, I will always stand up and fight to protect California Values and put the people of the 33rd District first."

Garcetti joins the following local elected officials in endorsing Gonzalez:

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn  
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis  
Downey Mayor Fernando Vasquez (ret.)  
El Monte Councilwoman Jessica Ancona  
Huntington Park Mayor Karina Macias  
Huntington Park Vice Mayor "Manny" Avila  
Huntington Park City Councilmember Graciela Ortiz  
Huntington Park City Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria  
Lakewood City Councilmember Jeff Wood  
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia  
Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster (ret.)  
Long Beach City Councilmember Dee Andrews  
Long Beach City Councilmember Al Austin  
Long Beach City Councilmember Stacy Mungo  
Long Beach City Councilmember Jeannine Pearce  
Long Beach City Councilmember Suzie Price  
Long Beach City Councilmember Rex Richardson  
Long Beach City Councilmember Roberto Uranga  
Long Beach City Councilmember Suja Lowenthal (ret.)  
Long Beach City Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga (ret.)  
Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert  
Long Beach CCD Trustee President Sunny Zia  
Long Beach CCD Trustee Vice President Vivian Malauulu  
Long Beach CCD Trustee Uduak-Joe Ntuk  
Long Beach USD Board President Diana Craighead



Long Beach USD Board Member Dr. Juan Benitez  
Long Beach USD Board Member Megan Kerr  
Long Beach USD Board Member Felton Williams  
Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez  
Los Angeles CCD Trustee Gabriel Buelna  
Los Angeles CCD Trustee Steven Veres  
Norwalk-La Mirada USD Board Member Jesse Urquidi  
Paramount City Mayor Diane Martinez  
Paramount City Councilmember Daryl Hofmeyer  
Paramount City Councilmember Peggy Lemons  
Rolling Hills Mayor Patrick Wilson  
Signal Hill Mayor Tina Hansen  
Signal Hill City Councilmember Larry Forrester  
Signal Hill City Councilmember Keir Jones  
South Gate City Councilmember Gil Hurtado (ret.)  
Water Replenishment District of Southern California Board Member Rob Katherman

For a complete list of endorsements, please visit [www.VoteLenaGonzalez.com/endorsements](http://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 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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