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CONGRESSWOMAN NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE



LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the support of Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán 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.

"We need a new generation of leaders in the California Legislature who will stand up for social, economic, and environmental justice," stated **Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán**. "Lena Gonzalez is that person. She has been standing up and leading for her constituents throughout her tenure on the city council and I look forward to working with her as she continues that fight for the Southeast Cities and for the entire State of California."



Born in Harbor City and growing up in its surrounding harbor communities, Barragán's humble beginnings shaped her interest in issues that matter locally: environmental and health justice, immigration reform, strengthening the economy, and affordable and accessible education.

As the youngest of eleven children raised by immigrant parents from Mexico, Barragán knows about the challenges that many low-income minority families face firsthand. Her father, a local repairman, instilled in her a strong work ethic and influenced her love for baseball (in particular, for the Los Angeles Dodgers). Her mother, who only completed the 3rd grade, cleaned homes, cared for others, and worked in factories to make ends meet. Barragán learned from her parents values of hard work, and obtained her undergraduate degree from UCLA and her Juris Doctor from USC Gould School of Law.

"I am honored to have Congresswoman Barragán's endorsement," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "At an early age she beat the odds, putting herself through college and law school. She knows first hand how an education can change the trajectory of one's life, and the lives of their family. Her background and service are an inspiration and I look forward to working with her in improving the lives of the constituents we will share and that of all Californians."

Barragán joins the following in endorsing Gonzalez:

State Treasurer Fiona Ma
Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Attorney General Bill Lockyer (ret.)
Congressman Alan Lowenthal
State Senator Maria Elena Durazo
State Senator Holly Mitchell
State Senator Susan Rubio
State Senator Scott Wiener
State Senator Kevin de León (ret.)
Assemblymember Ian Calderon
Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher
Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell
Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
Assemblymember Miguel Santiago
Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Mayor Robert Garcia, Long Beach



Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles
Mayor Karina Macias, Huntington Park
Mayor Tom Hansen, Paramount

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.

As absentee ballots were mailed out on May 6th, thousands of 33rd District voters have already cast their ballots. A portion of the electorate is expected to vote at the polls on Election Day, 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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