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# **LARA WINS BACKING OF CA SCHOOLS CHIEF IN CA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER BID**

*Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson Endorses  
Senator Ricardo Lara in Statewide Contest*

**LONG BEACH, CA** -- Underscoring his widespread support in the race for

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California State Insurance Commissioner, today State Senator Ricardo Lara lined up a high-powered endorsement from California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson.

Torlakson's endorsement adds to Senator Lara's far-reaching roster of support. In response to the Superintendent's endorsement, Senator Lara released the following statement:

"From his work as a classroom teacher to his tenure as California's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson's career has been centered on improving our state's education system. He's been a bold voice on behalf of students and classroom teachers. I'm deeply honored to have Superintendent Torlakson's endorsement and look forward to collaborating with him on the campaign trail as we continue to grow our coalition of support in the months ahead."

To view Senator Ricardo Lara's digital video ad, "Embolden," [click on the screen shot below](#):

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Since the inception of his campaign for California State Insurance Commissioner, State Senator Ricardo Lara has amassed wide-ranging support from leaders and organizations, including:

***Elected & Community Leaders***

- United States Senator Kamala Harris
  - U.S. Congresswoman and State Assembly Speaker Emeritus Karen Bass
  - U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal
  - U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu
  - U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal
  - U.S. Congressman Jimmy Gomez
  - U.S. Congresswoman (Ret.) and current L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn
  - State Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León
  - State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon
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- California Board of Equalization Chair Fiona Ma
  - State Assembly Speaker Emeritus and State Senator Toni Atkins
  - State Assembly Speaker Emeritus and State Senator Robert Hertzberg
  - State Assembly Speaker Emeritus Fabian Nunez
  - State Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez
  - State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez
  - State Senator Holly Mitchell
  - State Senator Ben Hueso
  - State Senator Tony Mendoza
  - State Senator Scott Wiener
  - State Senator Steven Bradford
  - State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
  - State Senator Nancy Skinner
  - State Senator Ben Allen
  - State Senator Mark Leno (Ret.)
  - State Assembly Member Miguel Santiago
  - State Assembly Member Blanca Rubio
  - State Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher
  - State Assembly Member Todd Gloria
  - State Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia
  - State Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin
  - State Assembly Member Evan Low
  - State Assembly Member Tony Thurmond
  - State Assembly Member Shirley Weber
  - State Assembly Member Kevin McCarty
  - State Assembly Member Reggie Jones-Sawyer
  - State Assembly Member Susan Bonilla (Ret.)
  - Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
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- Sacramento Mayor and former State Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg
- San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee
- Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
- California Democratic Party First Vice Chair Alex Rooker
- California Young Democrats' President Eddie Kirby
- San Diego Democratic Party Chair (Ret.) and current Democratic National Committee Member, Jesse Durfee

### ***Organizations Representing Working People***

- State Council of Building and Construction Trades Council of California
  - California State Association of Electrical Workers
  - Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council
  - UNITE HERE, AFL-CIO
  - California Nurses Association/National Nurses United
  - California State Council of Laborers
  - California Conference of Machinists
  - California State Council of Pipe Trades
  - National Union of Healthcare Workers
  - United Steelworkers Legislative Education Committee for Los Angeles and Orange Counties
  - International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) District Council 36
  - International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) District Council 16
  - United Industrial Workers of the Seafarers International Union, SIUNA, AFL-CIO
  - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 11
  - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 40
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- Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1277
- American Federation of Musicians Local 47
- United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 36

### ***Organizations***

- California Latino Legislative Caucus
- Equality California (EQCA)
- HONOR PAC

For more information please visit [www.RicardoLara.com](http://www.RicardoLara.com).

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