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Monica Garcia Announces Candidacy for 22nd Senate Seat

Candidate for San Gabriel Valley's 22nd Senate District Begins Campaign for June Primary Victory

BALDWIN PARK, CA –Baldwin Park Councilmember Monica Garcia today announced she officially filed paperwork to become a candidate to represent the 22nd Senate District.

“I have dedicated nearly 20 years in public service to improving the quality of life for women, children, and families in my community. I am prepared and promise to continue that fight as a representative in the State Senate,” said Garcia. “Over the span of two decades, I have advocated to bring resources and opportunity to the San Gabriel Valley. I look forward to being a champion for the 22nd Senate District in Sacramento.”

Monica is homegrown to the San Gabriel Valley and has served on the Baldwin Park City Council since 2007. As Councilmember, she has fought to create greater economic opportunities for residents, protected vital services and programs for her constituents, and has been a champion on Women’s issues. In 2008, Monica introduced and secured funding for the Domestic Violence Advocate Program which provides assistance to victims of domestic violence; in 2010, she led efforts to create Safe Routes to School for children; and more recently, she orchestrated a \$1.5M revitalization of Walnut Creek Park. In 2008, she appointed the City’s first Latina to serve as Chief of Police, and in 2013, Monica was the only woman on her city council to OPPOSE the Chief’s firing amid sexual harassment claims.

Prior to being on the City Council, Monica Chaired the Baldwin Park City Planning Commission, creating local and regional economic growth, and job opportunities. Appointed in 2001, she’s since been a strong advocate for revitalizing the regional commercial corridor along the I-10 freeway, and activating downtown Baldwin Park’s Transit-Oriented District.

Monica has advocated for public policies at the national, state and local levels. She previously worked for the National Organization for Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund in Washington, D.C., the California State Senate district serving the San Gabriel Valley, and more recently United Way of Los Angeles (County).

Monica has lived nearly her entire life in Baldwin Park, the city she and her family have called home for more than 40 years. A product of Baldwin Park public schools, she worked her way through college, attending Mt. San Antonio Community College before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with a minor in business administration from the University of Southern California. She also holds a Master's in Public Administration from California State University at Long Beach.

The top two vote getters of the June Primary will be in a run off in the General Election in November 2018. The 22nd Senate District includes the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, El Monte, South El Monte, Irwindale, Industry, La Puente, West Covina, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Rosemead, Temple City and other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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