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RELEASE: Fullerton City Council Member Jesus Silva Endorses Former Lt. Commander Gil Cisneros (CA-39)

Endorsement Highlights Impressive Coalition Of Local Support

Fullerton, Calif. – Today, Fullerton City Council Member Jesus Silva endorsed Frm. Lieutenant Commander Gil Cisneros who is running for Congress in California's 39th Congressional District. Earlier this week, Silva's wife Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva endorsed Cisneros who has more local and Congressional endorsements then any other candidate running. Silva's endorsement adds to a [growing list](#) of supporters which includes local elected officials, 8 Southern California Congressional leaders, women's rights champion Dolores Huerta, the Giffords Campaign to End Gun Violence, and the national Veterans advocacy organization VoteVets.

"As a longtime resident of the 39th District, I know that we need strong local leaders to represent us in Washington," said Silva. **"Gil will fight to bring valuable resources to the district that help repave our roads and support small businesses. Gil understands the needs of our residents at the grassroots level and when he goes to Congress he will always put the community first. That is why I am proud to support former Lt. Commander Gil Cisneros for Congress."**

Council Member Jesus J. Silva was elected to his first four-year term in 2016. Prior to joining Council, Silva served as Commissioner of the Fullerton City Parks and Recreation Commission from 2012- 2016. He received his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from California State University, Los Angeles, and his teaching credential and a Master's Degree in Secondary Education from California State University, Fullerton. Silva has lived in Fullerton

since 1991 and for the last 18 years has been a teacher in the Fullerton School District at Nicolas Junior High School.

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Gil Cisneros is a former U.S. Naval Officer and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (2), the National Defense Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for his exemplary service to his country. Gil is president and co-founder of The Gilbert & Jacki Cisneros Foundation, an organization committed to improving the level of Hispanic education in the country. Gilbert's dedication toward philanthropy began when he purchased a winning California Mega Millions lottery ticket in 2010. Gil and Jacki partnered with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the city of Pico Rivera, California to create Generation First Degree Pico Rivera, with the goal of putting a college degree in every Hispanic household in the city. Gil's commitment to education, led him to be appointed to former First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative's advisory board and President Obama's Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

California's 39th Congressional District, split between Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties, will be one of the most competitive districts in California. Hillary Clinton won the district by a whopping nine points, the DCCC labeled it a first-round target on its battlefield map and recently, the Cook Political Report changed the district's status from Lean R to Lean D.

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