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Los Angeles City Councilmember Gil Cedillo Announces
Endorsement of Eleni Kounalakis for Lieutenant Governor of
California

*Cedillo's endorsement continues momentum of Kounalakis' campaign for Lt.
Governor*

San Francisco, CA — Today, Los Angeles City Councilmember Gil Cedillo formally endorsed Eleni Kounalakis for Lt. Governor. In his statement he cited her commitment to California values and creating more opportunities for all Californians.

“Eleni Kounalakis is the former Ambassador to Hungary. She has the national and international experience to lead California into the future. As someone with over 20 years in public service, I know that Eleni has what it takes. She has the strength to stand up to the Trump Administration and fight to protect California’s diversity and values. She is a champion for all of us, and she’ll make an excellent Lt. Governor.”

“I am so honored to have Councilmember Cedillo’s endorsement for Lt. Governor. Cities are leading the way in fighting our state’s biggest challenges in economic development, climate change and protecting our most vulnerable residents. The LA city council is a great example of the kind of positive impact we can have if we bring more voices to the table and think creatively. I look

forward to working with local leaders like Councilmember Cedillo to find innovative policies and solutions that help all Californians.”

Kounalakis comes armed with a growing list of endorsements from prominent Democratic elected officials and organizations, like U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, the California Federation of Teachers, EMILY’s List, Equality California, California State University Employees Union SEIU 2579, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs, Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts Jr., Representatives Nanette Barragan, Anna Eshoo, Zoe Lofgren, Doris Matsui, Jerry McNerney, Jimmy Panetta, Eric Swalwell, and Mike Thompson, former State Senator Mark Leno, Assembly members Blanca Rubio and Kevin McCarty, CA Women’s List, and the Fresno, Marin, San Fernando Valley and Ventura County Young Democrats.

Kounalakis is the only viable Democratic woman in the race for Lt. Governor. Her unique blend of experience as a successful business woman and job creator and government experience as a U.S. Ambassador has resulted in Kounalakis vaulting to the front of the field for the Top Two primary.

She recently announced that she had raised \$2.4 million in the campaign, more than any other candidate in the race, and has more cash on hand than any of her opponents as we head into the critical last few months of the primary campaign.

Kounalakis is the only candidate in the race to visit all 58 counties. She spent the summer and fall traveling across the state, meeting with Democratic central committees, clubs, and activists, and community leaders. She has received support from hundreds of delegates to the CDP convention and has built a

base of grassroots support that will help her advance to the general election and win in November.

Kounalakis is a business woman and diplomat. She was appointed by President Barack Obama as Ambassador to Hungary in 2010. She is a life-long Democrat and five-time delegate to the Democratic National Convention and worked as an advocate for early childhood education as a member of California's First 5 Commission and the Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism.

She was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to lead the California International Trade and Investment Advisory Council and served as a member of the San Francisco Port Commission. Prior to serving our country in the diplomatic corps, she was president of AKT Development Corporation in Sacramento, where she helped deliver tens of thousands of affordable homes for middle-class families. Kounalakis was born and raised in Sacramento and is a graduate of the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business and Dartmouth College. She and her husband, Markos, live in San Francisco where they are raising their two teenage sons.

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