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RELEASE: Orange County Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, Endorses Gil Cisneros (CA-39)

Fullerton, Calif. – Today, the Orange County Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, endorsed Fmr. Lieutenant Commander Gil Cisneros who is running for Congress in California's 39th Congressional District.

The endorsement adds to [a truly impressive coalition](#) of support including SEIU California, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), UniteHere! Local 11, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, United Steel Workers, thirteen Democratic members of Congress, more in-district local elected officials than any other candidate running, women's rights champion Dolores Huerta, the Giffords Campaign to End Gun Violence, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus's BOLD PAC, End Citizens United, and the national Veterans advocacy organization VoteVets.

"The Orange County Labor Federation represents more than ninety local unions from every sector of the labor movement with a membership of more than 200,000 working men and women," said OCLF Interim Executive Director Gloria Alvarado. **"We strive to better the lives of all workers, this is why we are proud to stand behind Gil Cisneros for Congress. Gil knows that we need to get serious about creating jobs. When Gil gets to Washington he will invest in infrastructure and renewable energy; he'll fight to reduce the cost of education and trade training so that working families can continue to prosper."**

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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 Advocate 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, on which he still serves, 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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