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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA ENDORSES ELENI KOUNALAKIS FOR CALIFORNIA LT. GOVERNOR

San Francisco, **CA** – On the heels of announcing a <u>16-point lead</u> in a recent poll, Eleni Kounalakis' campaign announced the endorsement of **President Barack Obama**, who made a wave of endorsements today ahead of the midterm elections.

"Serving as U.S. Ambassador for nearly four years was the greatest honor and privilege of my life, and I couldn't be more humbled and grateful to have President Obama's support," said Kounalakis. "I so strongly believe our future depends on strengthening our Democracy and ensuring California can be America's beacon for inclusion, equality and progress. As California's next Lt. Governor, I will fight hard every single day to keep the pathway of the American Dream open to more families."

Kounalakis served overseas as Ambassador to Hungary in the Obama Administration from 2010-2013. Her campaign's broad coalition of endorsements include U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, over a dozen members of Congress, California Federation of Teachers, California League of Conservation Voters, Equality California, NARAL Pro-Choice California, EMILY's List, Northern California Carpenters Regional Council, California State University Employees Union SEIU 2579, scores of local and state leaders, and over 30 Democratic clubs across California.

Kounalakis was the top vote-getter in the June Primary, winning 28 counties across the state. She is the only Democratic woman in the race for Lt. Governor and would be the first woman elected Lt. Governor in California history.

Her blend of experience in public service and as a successful businesswoman, economic advisor, and job creator make her uniquely qualified to serve as Lt. Governor. You can learn more about her campaign and see her growing endorsement list at www.EleniforCA.com.

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