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**RELEASE: While Young Kim Forces Cancellation of League of Women Voters Forum,
Gil Cisneros Commits to Multiple Debates**

Fullerton, Calif. – Young Kim has refused to join a candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters, forcing the organization to cancel the event and deprive voters of the opportunity to hear the candidates discuss issues affecting women and families. While Kim has not committed to any debates, Fmr. Lieutenant Commander Gil Cisneros not only committed to the League of Women Voters candidate forum, but has also pledged to attend two other debates ahead of the November election.

“It’s not surprising that Young Kim refuses to be accountable to 39th District voters and doesn’t want to have to answer for refusing to support Planned Parenthood, equal pay for equal work, and a woman’s right to choose,” said **Nic Jordan, Deputy Campaign Manager and Communications Director for the Cisneros campaign.** “While Kim is afraid to answer to the League of Women Voters and the people of this district, Gil Cisneros is committed to speaking on the issues that voters care about. Whether it’s protecting women’s health rights, fighting for affordable healthcare, refusing to accept special interest PAC money, or standing up to the Trump administration, voters are eager to hear where Gil stands on the issues. His message continues to resonate with voters and it’s why he has clear momentum heading into the final months of this campaign.”

In addition to the League of Women Voters candidate forum that was to be held on September 25th, Cisneros has committed to a candidate forum hosted by Cal State Fullerton and the North Orange County Chamber of Commerce, hosted at the Titan Student Union at CSUF on Thursday, October 18th. Cisneros has also pledged to commit to a third debate hosted by Inside OC on PBS SoCal.

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Gil Cisneros is a veterans and education advocate. During his service as a U.S. Naval Officer he 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. Since leaving the Navy, he has continued to fight for our nation’s veterans. Gil is a co-founder of The Gilbert & Jacki Cisneros Foundation, an organization committed to providing increased access to educational opportunities for our nation’s students and veterans. Gil’s dedication toward philanthropy began when he purchased a winning California Mega Millions lottery ticket in 2010. 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, is 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 the Cook Political Report changed the district's status from Lean R to Toss Up.

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