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**RELEASE: Gil Cisneros Endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America**

**Fullerton, Calif.** – Today, Gil Cisneros, Fmr. Lieutenant Commander who is running for Congress in California’s 39th Congressional District, was endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America, a leading women’s reproductive rights group with more than 1.2 million member activists across the country.

“Gil Cisneros has dedicated his life to serving his country, and we are thrilled to endorse his campaign to represent California’s 39th District in Congress,” said **Ilyse Hogue, President of NARAL Pro-Choice America**. “Now more than ever, with Roe hanging in the balance, we need fearless, pro-choice champions like Gil Cisneros to represent the values of California women and families in Congress.”

“I am honored to have the endorsement of an organization dedicated to women’s healthcare rights and reproductive justice,” said **Cisneros**. “Unlike my opponent, in Congress, I will fight to protect Roe v. Wade and a woman’s constitutional right to choose, and I’ll work to expand reproductive freedom for all women and families. I will stand up against Washington Republican attempts to undermine access to life saving healthcare services and continue to advocate for a woman's right to make her own healthcare choices.”

NARAL’s endorsement adds to [the growing list](#) of elected officials and organizations who support Cisneros’s campaign, including California Treasurer John Chiang, Congressman Ted Lieu and seventeen other Democratic members of Congress, the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association, SEIU California, the Giffords Campaign to End Gun Violence, The Brady Campaign, California School Employees Association (CSEA), the California Democratic Party, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), UniteHere! Local 11, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, United Steel Workers, the Orange County Labor Fed, the LA County Labor Fed, the California Labor Fed, IBEW Local 11, LiUNA Local 562, women’s rights champion Dolores Huerta, BOLD PAC, End Citizens United, and the national Veterans advocacy organization VoteVets.

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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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