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RELEASE: Gil Cisneros Endorsed by Asian American Democratic Club, Korean American Democratic Club, and Vietnamese American Democratic Club

Fullerton, Calif. – Today, Gil Cisneros, Fmr. Lieutenant Commander who is running for Congress in California’s 39th Congressional District, was endorsed by the Asian American Democratic Club (AADC), the Korean American Democratic Club (KADC), and the Vietnamese American Democratic Club (VADC).

“AADC is proud to endorse veteran and education advocate Gil Cisneros as the democratic nominee in California’s 39th congressional race,” **said Ling Luo, Founder and Chairwoman of the Asian American Democratic Club.** “As president and co-founder of a non-profit organization which committed to strengthening public schools and creating college opportunities for all students regardless of racial background, Gil will work hard on bringing people together, and he is against any racial profiling and discrimination based on religion or race. Gil has said he wants every young Californian in his district to have the same opportunity as he had. A vote for Gil is a vote for a better tomorrow for everyone in the 39th.”

“KADC is so proud to endorse Gil Cisneros in his campaign to represent the 39th District in Congress,” **said Dave Min of KADC.** “We trust Gil to be an advocate for the Asian American and Korean community and be champion for affordable healthcare, humane immigration reform, and good-paying jobs. Gil will be a strong ally and partner to our community, and he will be the independent, principled, and compassionate leader our district deserves.”

“The VADC stands with Gil Cisneros and we are proud to endorse his campaign to represent the 39th Congressional District,” **said Diana Carey, Vice President of VADC.** “Gil will fight to protect and expand affordable healthcare, take care of our veterans, and ensure our country continues to fight to uphold human rights around the world. Gil will be the strong, independent voice our district needs, and he will be a tireless champion for our community in Congress.”

“I am honored to have the support such dedicated groups in our community who are fighting for our diverse communities, working to increase civic engagement and political awareness,” **said**

Cisneros. “Unlike Young Kim who has a history of selling out the AAPI community to special interests, and who refuses to call out President Trump for his rhetoric, the people and diverse communities of the 39th can trust me to stand up to the Trump administration. In Congress, I pledge to protect affordable healthcare, Social Security, and Medicare. I’ll call for comprehensive immigration reform that preserves family reunification, and I promise to be a strong partner to all the diverse communities of the 39th.”

The endorsements of AADC, KADC, and VADC add [to the growing list](#) of elected officials and organizations who support Cisneros’s campaign, including the **California Teachers Association, California Coalition of Law Enforcement, San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters, Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association, California Federation of Teachers**, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NARAL Pro-Choice America, **California Treasurer John Chiang, Congressman Ted Lieu** and eighteen other Democratic members of Congress, 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, the national Veterans advocacy organization VoteVets, and numerous local officials.

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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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