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## **RELEASE: Los Angeles/Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council Endorse Gil Cisneros**

**Fullerton, Calif.** – Today, Gil Cisneros, Fmr. Lieutenant Commander who is running for Congress in California's 39th Congressional District, was endorsed the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council. The Council is an umbrella group representing 48 local unions and district councils in 14 Trades, and works to improve the health, jobs safety, and economic conditions of the members of its affiliates. Membership in these unions totals more than 100,000 skilled men and women.

"Gil Cisneros comes from a blue-collar family and is a trusted advocate for the working class, and the Los Angeles/Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council are proud to endorse his campaign," **said Ron Miller, Executive Secretary for the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.** "We are confident that in Congress, Gil will fight to strengthen labor unions and collective bargaining rights, and will be a champion for workers and their families. Gil will stand up to the Trump administration's attacks on the working class and will defend the rights and dignity of the hard-working families in his district."

"I'm proud to have the support of men and women who form the backbone of our economy and our infrastructure," **said Cisneros.** "Under the current Republican Congress and Trump administration, labor unions and basic worker rights are under constant threat. In Congress, I pledge to support policies that will protect the health and safety of American workers and be a strong voice for the hard-working families in our district."

The endorsement of the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council adds to [the growing list](#) of elected officials and organizations who support Cisneros's campaign, including the **United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1428, 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,** the San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters, Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, Los Angeles County Professional Peace

Officers Association, 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, 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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