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**LENA GONZALEZ ENDORSED BY  
OVER 300,000 CLASSROOM**

# TEACHERS IN HER RACE FOR STATE SENATE

**LONG BEACH, CA** – Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsement of the the California Teachers Association (CTA) in her campaign for State Senate.

Founded in 1863, CTA has become one of the strongest advocates for educators in the country. CTA includes teachers, counselors, school librarians, social workers, psychologists, and nurses. These educators in the K-12 school system are joined by community college faculty, California State University faculty, and education support professionals to make CTA the most inclusive and most powerful voice of educators in the state - 325,000 members strong.

"Lena Gonzalez has worked to create career pathways for youth, especially girls and children of color, to have access to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs in our schools," **said Eric C. Heins, President of CTA.** "As State Senator, Lena will fight

to protect education funding, stand up for students and their teachers and ensure all children receive a quality education. For these reasons, CTA members proudly support Lena."

"I'm honored to received the support and confidence of California's classroom teachers who play such a pivotal role in our children's lives," **said Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez.** "As a parent of three boys, I know the transformative role education can have for a child which is why I will make education and restoring funding to our classrooms a priority in the Senate, and ensure that parents, students, and teachers have a voice in Sacramento."

CTA joins the following in endorsing Gonzalez for State Senate:

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara

Congressman Alan Lowenthal

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia

**Local Elected Officials**

Long Beach Councilmember Suja Lowenthal (ret.)

Long Beach Councilmember Jeannine Pearce

Long Beach Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga (ret.)

Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson

Long Beach Councilmember Roberto Uranga

Long Beach CCD Trustee Vivian Malauulu

Long Beach CCD Trustee Uduak-Joe Ntuk

Long Beach CCD Trustee Sunny Zia

Long Beach USD Board Member Dr. Juan Benitez

Long Beach USD Board Member Diana Craighead

Long Beach USD Board Member Megan Kerr

Downey Mayor Fernando Vasquez (ret.)

Huntington Park Vice Mayor Karina Macias

Huntington Park Councilmember Manuel "Manny" Avila

Huntington Park Councilmember Graciela Ortiz

Huntington Park Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria

Lakewood Councilmember Jeff Wood

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez

Los Angeles Community College District Trustee Dr. Gabriel Buelna

Norwalk-La Mirada USD Board Member Jesse Urquidi

Paramount Mayor Diane J. Martinez

Rolling Hills Mayor Patrick Wilson

Signal Hill Councilmember Larry Forester

South Gate Councilmember Gil Hurtado (ret.)

Water Replenishment District of So. CA Board Member Rob Katherman

**State Legislators**

State Senator Scott Wiener

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez

Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell

**Organizations Representing Working Women and Men**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AFL-CIO

California Constructions & Building Trades Council

California Professional Firefighters

California Services Employees International Union (SEIU)

*IATSE - All Los Angeles Based Locals*

International Association of Machinists (IAM) District 947

International Longshore & Warehouse Union So. CA District Council

International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13

International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 63

International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 94

Ironworkers Local 416

Ironworkers Local 433

Laboers Local 1309

Long Beach Firefighters Association

Long Beach Police Officers Association

National Union of Healthcare Workers

Painters & Allied Trades International Union District Council 36

Plumbers Local 78

Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16

Teamsters Local 63

Teamsters Local 848

Teamsters Local 952

United Association Local 250

United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Local 324

Unite-HERE Local 11

**Other Organizations**

California Latino Legislative Caucus

California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV)

Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach

Equality California

Long Beach Democratic Club

Long Beach Young Democrats

Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles

Stonewall Democratic Club

For a complete list of endorsements, please visit

<http://VoteLenaGonzalez.com/endorsements>

Gonzalez is running to replace Ricardo Lara, who resigned to serve as California's 6th elected Insurance Commissioner. Lara has endorsed Gonzalez to replace him in the California State Senate.

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. If a run-off is needed, the run-off election will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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*Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez has served on the Long Beach City Council since 2014 representing Downtown Long Beach and surrounding communities. She serves as Vice Chair of the city's State Legislative Committee and Chair of the Harbor and Tidelands Committee.*

*Gonzalez lives in Downtown Long Beach with her fiancé and life partner, Adam, and their three sons. She graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from Cal State Long Beach and an MBA from Loyola Marymount*

*University. Currently employed with Microsoft, she focuses on issues around digital inclusion, tech equity and criminal justice reform.*

*The 33rd District includes the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount, Signal Hill, South Gate, Vernon, portions of the City of Los Angeles and the unincorporated communities of Florence and Walnut Park.*

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