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LENA GONZALEZ IS THE CLEAR CHOICE OF LEADING WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN SD-33

LONG BEACH, CA -- Cementing her role as the preferred choice of women organizations, Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the much coveted and powerful endorsements of California Women's List and the California Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus in her race for State Senate. They join the

Women's Political Committee, Democratic Women's Study Club and Planned Parenthood in endorsing Gonzalez.

Although there are 5 women on the ballot, and after researching all the candidates, submitting questionnaires and conducting interviews with the candidates, Gonzalez continues to be the sole candidate to earn the endorsements of women organizations. Gonzalez has advocated fiercely to create economic opportunities for all families and is dedicated to promoting quality education, protecting the environment, and attracting innovation to her community.

California Women's List is a Political Action Committee dedicated to fundraising for, supporting, and electing pro-choice, Democratic women to office in California. They are building a future of equal and equitable representation for women in our state government by giving endorsed candidates financial support and the tools they need to fundraise and win in California.

"As City Council Member for Long Beach, Gonzalez worked tirelessly to ensure the right of hotel workers to organize and collectively bargain in Long Beach hotels was realized. She also advocated to provide workplace protections against sexual harassment. These issues largely

impact women in the workforce and California Women's List knows Gonzalez will continue to advocate for a safe and equitable work environment for women," **said Emily Zahn, Board President of California Women's List.** "We are proud to endorse Gonzalez and eager to see what she achieves for Senate District 33 and women statewide."

"I am so pleased to be endorsed by California Women's," **said Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez.** "As State Senator, I will stand up for women's health and their well-being. I will be a champion for choice, access to reproductive and preventative healthcare, and other issues that matter to women and girls."

The Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus is made up of the 31

Democratic women members of the State Legislature. They represent and advocate on behalf of the diverse interests of women, children and families throughout California. They seeks to increase participation and representation of women in state government. Members of the Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus seek to promote sound legislative policies and budget priorities that will improve the well-being of women, children and families and to work

cooperatively with local, state and national women's organizations interested in advancing policies to achieve these same objectives.

"When women are elected to statewide offices, the issues that are elevated change," **said Senator Connie Leyva, Chair of the California Democratic Women's Legislative Caucus.** "We think Lena Gonzalez can join our collective voice and further magnify the work we are doing for women and families in the golden state."

"Women are few in the legislature making up only 30 percent of both the Senate and Assembly," **added Gonzalez.** "The communities represented in the 33rd Senate district need an activist voice to represent them. Democratic women in the Senate and Assembly are leaders and they continue to push legislation and issues that better the lives of women and children. I look forward to representing the 33rd Senate District and to joining their ranks and working collaboratively for a better California."

To date, Gonzalez has received endorsements from the following individuals and organizations:

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara

Congressman Alan Lowenthal

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia

CA State Treasurer Fiona Ma

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

Signal Hill City Clerk Keir Jones

South Gate Councilmember Gil Hurtado (ret.)

Water Replenishment District of So. CA Board Member Rob Katherman

State Legislators

Senator Maria Elena Durazo

Senator Holly Mitchell

Senator Susan Rubio

Senator Scott Wiener

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez

Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell

Assemblymember Blanca Rubio

Organizations

CAL FIRE Local 2881

California Building & Construction Trades Council

California Latino Legislative Caucus

California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV)

California Nurses Association

California Professional Firefighters

California Services Employees International Union (SEIU)

California Teachers Association

Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach

Equality California

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

Laborers Local 1309

Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

Long Beach Collective Association

Long Beach Democratic Club

Long Beach Firefighters Association

Long Beach Police Officers Association

Long Beach Young Democrats

National Union of Healthcare Workers

Painters & Allied Trades International Union District Council 36

Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)

Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles

Plumbers Local 78

Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16

Stonewall Democratic Club

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

Women's Political Committee

For a complete list of endorsements, please visit

www.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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