

Harris Campaign Announces Assemblymember Miguel Santiago as California Chair of Latinos For The People Committee

Today, Kamala Harris' campaign is announcing Assemblymember Miguel Santiago as a Chair of her <u>Latinos For The People</u> Committee in California. Soon after launching <u>Camp Kamala en Español</u>, the Spanish-language version of its national online training and recruitment program, the campaign has tapped Santiago to help spearhead the campaign's engagement with the Latino community in California.

Like Senator Harris, Assemblymember Santiago is the child of immigrants and a strong advocate for the Latino community. His work on tuition-free community college became a priority for the California Latino Legislative Caucus, and when President Trump announced his decision to end Temporary Protected Status for over 260,000 people from El Salvador, Assembylmember Santiago immediately acted to expand legal support to affected immigrants. As Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Los Angeles County Homelessness, Santiago has dedicated his career to pushing for policies that develop more affordable housing and deliver mental healthcare services to those who need it.

As chair of Harris' committee, Santiago will share Harris' commitment to safeguarding the Latino community. Latino households are twice as likely as white households to rent and are vulnerable to unconscionable rent increases, and Santiago has praised Harris' comprehensive agenda to create more affordable housing and provide rent relief to middle class families. Last week, Harris introduced a plan to invest over \$13 billion to end chronic homelessness, and she has also proposed a tax credit for over 3 million Californian households that spend more than 30% of their income on rent and utilities.

"I've watched Kamala Harris fiercely advocate for the Latino community as District Attorney, California Attorney General, and now as a U.S. Senator. She's led the fight against President Trump's racist and anti-immigrant agenda from the very beginning, opposing his border wall and speaking truth about the cruel separation of children from their parents. She's stood up for communities of color that have been disproportionately harmed by big polluters," **Assemblymember Santiago said.** "At a time when America needs courageous leadership more than ever before, I'm confident that Senator Harris is the right leader to protect and empower our resilient community."

In addition to Assemblymember Santiago, Senator Harris has received the endorsement of Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Senator Lena Gonzalez, Congresswoman Nanette Barragán, State Senator Bob Archuleta, State Senator Anna Caballero, State Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, Assemblymember Luz Rivas, Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Perry, Assemblymember Monique Limon, Senate President Emeritus Kevin de León, Speaker Emeritus John Pérez, and labor and civil rights activist Dolores Huerta.

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