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CONGRESSMAN ALAN LOWENTHAL ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

The Area's Elder Statesman Endorses Gonzalez for State Senate

LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsement of Congressman Alan Lowenthal in her race to fill the 33rd State Senatorial District seat vacated by Ricardo Lara who was inaugurated this week as California's Insurance Commissioner.

Lowenthal issued the following statement upon endorsing Gonzalez:

"Lena is a courageous public servant who stands up and fights for her communities. All of our families, regardless of income, zip code or family situation, deserve an opportunity to reach their full potential. Lena will stand up and fight for all California families as she has done in Long Beach. Now more than ever, we need someone like Lena in the State Senate and that is why she has my strongest endorsement."

Lowenthal is serving his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives representing California's 47th District, which encompasses portions of eastern Los Angeles County and western Orange County. He was first elected in 2012 and reelected in 2014, 2016 and 2018. Prior to joining Congress, he served a two-decade tenure as, first, a Long Beach city councilmember, and as a California legislator serving in both the California State Assembly and the California State Senate.

In Congress, he currently serves on the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He is the Ranking Member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. As a member of Natural Resources he also serves on the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. As a member of



Transportation and Infrastructure, he serves on the Highways and Transit, the Water Resources and Environment, and the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation subcommittees.

Representing one of the most ethnically diverse districts in the nation, Lowenthal has championed human rights in Congress, not just at home, but throughout the world. He has also brought his strong support for LGBT rights to Washington, where he became the first congressman to permanently fly the Pride flag outside his office. In addition, he has continued his long history of fighting for environmental protections, with a new mission to bring the issue of climate change to the front in Congress as chair of the more than 60-member Safe Climate Caucus.

"I am honored to have received the endorsement of one of the area's most respected leaders," said Gonzalez. "Alan Lowenthal has served our local area for well over two decades. As a college professor, city councilmember, state assemblymember, state senator and now as a member of Congress, Alan Lowenthal has served his constituents with distinction. His dedication to common-sense bipartisan solutions has earned him a reputation among his colleagues and constituents as one of the most respected and effective legislators in Long Beach, Sacramento and Washington, DC. He is the kind of legislator that I try to emulate and I am honored and humbled to have received his endorsement."

Lowenthal joins the following in endorsing Gonzalez for State Senate:

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia
Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson
Long Beach Councilmember Roberto Uranga
Huntington Park Vice Mayor Karina Macias
Huntington Park Councilmember Graciela Ortiz
Huntington Park Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria
Huntington Park Councilmember Manny Avila
Paramount Mayor Diane J. Martinez
LBCCD Board President Sunny Zia
LBCCD Board Vice President Vivian Malauulu
LBCCD Trustee Uduak-Joe Ntuk

A date for the special election has not yet been set. Governor Gavin Newsom will call for a special election soon.



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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 has served as the Vice Chair of the city's State Legislative committee for the past five years, and chairs the Harbor and Tidelands Committee.

Councilwoman Gonzalez lives in Downtown Long Beach with her husband 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. She currently is employed with Microsoft, focused on issues around digital inclusion and tech equity.

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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