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COUNCILWOMAN JEANNINE PEARCE ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsement of Long Beach City Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce 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.

Pearce issued the following statement upon endorsing Gonzalez:

"It is my distinct honor to endorse my colleague Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez in her bid to become the next Senator to represent the 33rd district.

"I've had the pleasure of working alongside the Councilwoman in the community for many years, and I can truly say, that she is fierce, dedicated, unapologetic and exactly what we need in Sacramento. Leadership is not always easy and comfortable and I have first-hand experience as to how time and time again she has casted votes based on integrity and what was best for the residents of Long Beach. Her leadership has transformed our downtown, the quality of life, and bridged divides.

"I am confident that she will serve the district with that same fire as she has served our Long Beach residents."

Pearce was elected in June 2016 to serve Long Beach's 2nd councilmanic district, a long time resident committed to ensuring that all residents are well represented in local government. Her priorities include supporting a thriving and growing economy, building a clean and safe environment for residents to flourish and a commitment to collaboration with stakeholders.

Pearce's personal story is characterized by struggle and perseverance. Adopted at a young age, Jeannine grew up very poor. She moved out of her home at the age of 16 and has worked



since then. She made the move from her home state of Texas to California in 2005. After a decade of working multiple jobs while going to college, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Long Beach State University with a degree in sociology in 2009.

"Councilwoman Pearce has been a champion and a defender of working people," said Gonzalez. "As a Councilwoman and a former union organizer, Jeannine has always had the interest of working people at heart. Her upbringing, struggle, perseverance and life experience allows her to understand the struggles of the working poor. I am honored to have her endorsement and look forward to working with her on behalf of those most in needs in our community."

Pearce joins the following in endorsing Gonzalez for State Senate:

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Congressman Alan Lowenthal
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 has until January 21, 2019 to call for a special election.

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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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