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## **IN GAME CHANGING ENDORSEMENT, COUNCILMEMBER ROBERTO URANGA ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE**

### ***Councilmember Uranga Suspends His Campaign for State Senate and Endorses Gonzalez***

**LONG BEACH, CA** - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that Councilmember Roberto Uranga has withdrawn from the race for the 33rd State Senatorial District and endorse her.

Uranga issued the following statement earlier today:

*"After carefully reviewing my potential candidacy and the effects this would have on my District, my supporters and my family, I have decided not to seek the office of Senator for Senate District 33 (Lara). I wish to thank all who have supported and encouraged me to seek this office and ask that they join me in supporting Long Beach Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez as she moves forward with her campaign.*

*"Long Beach comprises a major part of Senate District 33 and Councilwoman Gonzalez and I share many of the same values. Her election will ensure Long Beach has a voice in Sacramento and will add a woman to the California State Senate."*

Uranga has represented the residents of Long Beach's 7th Council District since 2014. He currently serves on the California Coastal Commission and serves as a member on a variety of regional and local commissions such as the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority.



Prior to his election to the city council, Uranga served for 14 years as a member of the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees where he worked to expand student access to and improve the educational opportunities available at Long Beach City College through the Long Beach College Promise. During his tenure on the Board of Trustees, Uranga also served as President of the national Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

"I am beyond honored to have received the endorsement of Councilmember Uranga," said Gonzalez. "It's been an honor to have worked alongside Roberto for the past four and a half years. He is the consummate public servant, always putting his constituents and his community first even when it conflicts with his own ambitions. I am honored not only to call Roberto my colleague, but indeed my friend and family."

Councilmember Uranga joins the following in endorsing Gonzalez for State Senate:

Insurance Commissioner-Elect Ricardo Lara  
Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn  
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia  
Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson  
Huntington Park Vice Mayor Karina Macias  
Huntington Park Councilmember Graciela Ortiz  
Huntington Park Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria  
Huntington Park Councilmember Manny Avila

For more information on Councilwoman Gonzalez's campaign, please visit <http://VoteLenaGonzalez.com>.

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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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