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SEIU CALIFORNIA ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

Union Representing Over 700,000 Californians Backs Gonzalez

LONG BEACH, CA - Scoring a major endorsement in her campaign for State Senate, Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the much sought after support of California's largest union, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California. SEIU is the latest in a long list of endorsements Gonzalez has received from influential labor groups.

SEIU represents over 700,000 Californians. Their mission is to improve the lives of working people and their families and lead the way to a more just and humane society. SEIU fights for jobs with decent wages, healthcare, pensions, better working conditions, and more opportunities for their workers. SEIU members also work in coalition with the consumers of the services they provide to enhance economic opportunity and the quality of life for all Californians.

SEIU works throughout the state, in all 58 counties, and they represent California in all of its diversity. They are social workers, nurses, classroom aides, state workers, security officers, college professors, home care workers, janitors, and more. They work in four primary areas: healthcare, long-term care, public services (both state workers and local), and building services.

"Lena Gonzalez has been a champion for working men and women throughout her career," said **Long Beach resident Irayda Sandoval, a janitor and SEIU USWW member**. "As a Councilmember, Lena has a solid track record of improving worker safety, delivering critical funding to recover stolen wages, and fighting for good paying jobs in the City of Long Beach. In the State Senate, we can continue to count on Lena to put working families first."

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of SEIU California and its 700,000 members," said Gonzalez. "SEIU is at the heart of the labor movement, fighting tirelessly to improve the lives of workers in California and throughout the country. I have spent my adult life standing up for



working families and advocating for good jobs, fair wages, and quality and affordable health care. I want to bring this fight for working men and women to the State Senate, and I look forward to working with SEIU to build a future that makes the American Dream achievable for all."

SEIU joins the following who have previously announced their endorsements of Gonzalez's campaign:

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara
Congressman Alan Lowenthal
Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia

Local Elected Officials

Downey Councilmember and 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
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
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
South Gate Councilmember Gil Hurtado (ret.)



Water Replenishment District of So. CA Board Member Rob Katherman

State Legislators

State Senator Scott Wiener
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez
Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell

Organizations Representing Working Women and Men

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 952
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 63
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 94
Ironworkers Local 433
Painters & Allied Trades International Union District Council 36
Plumbers Local 78
Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16
Teamsters Local 63
United Association Local 250
United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Local 324
Unite-HERE Local 11

Other Organizations

CA Latino Legislative Caucus

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 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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