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## **SEVERAL LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ENDORSE LENA GONZALEZ'S CAMPAIGN FOR STATE SENATE**

**LONG BEACH, CA** - Continuing the massive momentum her campaign has generated, Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received several more endorsements from local elected officials in her race for State Senate. Gonzalez is running to replace Ricardo Lara, who resigned to serve as California Insurance Commissioner.

Gonzalez announced today that the following local elected officials have endorsed her campaign:

Downey Councilmember and Mayor Fernando Vasquez (ret.)  
Lakewood Councilmember Jeff Wood  
Long Beach Councilmember Suja Lowenthal (ret.)  
Long Beach Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranaga (ret.)  
Los Angeles City Councilmember Nury Martinez  
Los Angeles Community College District Trustee Dr. Gabriel Buelna  
Norwalk-La Mirada USD Board Member Jesse Urquidi  
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

"I am honored to received the endorsement of so many of my colleagues in local government," said Gonzalez. "They continue to place their confidence in me because they know that I understand the role of local government and the value of local control whether through municipal government, school board, college board, water board or any other special district. They know that they will have a partner and friend in me should I be elected to the California State Senate."



These local elected officials join 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**

Huntington Park Vice Mayor Karina Macias  
Huntington Park Councilmember Manuel "Manny" Avila  
Huntington Park Councilmember Graciela Ortiz  
Huntington Park Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria  
Long Beach Councilmember Jeannine Pearce  
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 Trustees Sunny Zia  
Long Beach USD Board Member Dr. Juan Benitez  
Long Beach USD Board Member Diana Craighead  
Long Beach USD Board Member Megan Kerr  
Paramount Mayor Diane J. Martinez

**State Legislators**

State Senator Scott Wiener  
Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez

**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  
Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16  
United Association Local 250  
United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Local 324



Unite-HERE Local 11

**Other Organizations**

CA Latino Legislative Caucus

A special election is being held to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Ricardo Lara who has assumed the role of 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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