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SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsement of former United States Secretary of Labor and current Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis in her race for State Senate. Gonzalez is running to replace Ricardo Lara who resigned to become California Insurance Commissioner.

Elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018, Solis is a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors representing the 1st Supervisorial District. She represents many of the cities of the 33rd State Senatorial District including Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, Vernon and the unincorporated community of Walnut Park.

"Lena Gonzalez is the best choice to represent us in Sacramento," said **Supervisor Hilda Solis**. "Lena is a leader. Whether it is protecting the rights of working men and women, fighting for the LGBTQ community, standing up for environmental justice or standing with our immigrant communities - Lena is already leading. Lena will continue that fight as our state senator and will not stop fighting until California is a stronger, safer and a more prosperous place for all individuals who call California home."

Prior to her election to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Solis served as the 25th United States Secretary of Labor from 2009 to 2013, as part of the administration of President Barack Obama. She became the first Latina ever to serve in a presidential cabinet.

Solis served in the United States House of Representatives from 2001 to 2009, representing East Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley. Prior to being elected to Congress, Solis served six years in the California State Senate and two years in the California State Assembly.

"I am honored to have received the endorsement of Supervisor Hilda Solis," said Gonzalez. "Whether as a local elected official, state legislator, member of congress, as the United States



Secretary of Labor and now as a County Supervisor, Supervisor Solis has always fought to protect the rights of California's working women and men. I share that same core commitment with her. As a legislator, I look forward to continuing the work of Supervisor Solis and will fight for fair wages and access to quality education on behalf of all Californians."

Gonzalez added, "And to have the endorsement of the first Latina to ever serve in a Presidential Cabinet, makes this endorsement extra special."

Solis 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
Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia

Local Elected Officials

Long Beach Councilmember Jeannine Pearce
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

Organizations Representing Working People

International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 63
International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 94

State Legislators

State Senator Scott Wiener

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 resigned to assume 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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