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## **LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICERS ENDORSE LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE**

**LONG BEACH, CA** - Continuing to outperform her opponents in the race for key endorsements, today Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced the endorsement of the Long Beach Police Officers Association (LBPOA) in her campaign for State Senate.

Established in 1940, the LBPOA represents over 800 dedicated and professional officers, sergeants, and lieutenants of the Long Beach Police Department.

"Councilmember Gonzalez has a proven record of supporting public safety and providing our officers with the resources needed to keep our neighborhoods safe," said Jim Foster, President of the LBPOA. "She has consistently worked to build bridges with stakeholders from all aspects of our community, and we believe she will do a tremendous job representing California's 33rd State Senate District."



"Having the support of the women and men of the Long Beach Police Officers Association demonstrates the broad and expanding support that my campaign has continued to maintain throughout this race," said Gonzalez. "I am incredibly grateful for their support. These women and men who risk their lives on a daily basis in order to protect the public in return deserve only the best representation in the California State Senate."

The LBPOA 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**

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

**Organizations Representing Working Women and Men**

California Services Employees International Union (SEIU)  
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  
Long Beach Firefighters Local 372  
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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