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**Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project
Los Angeles County Action Fund**

PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY PROJECT LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACTION FUND ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez announced today that she has received the endorsement of Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County Action Fund (PPAP) in her campaign for State Senate.

Their support adds to the growing support for the Democratic frontrunner and unites the support of leading progressive groups, including environmental organizations and scores of labor organizations represented working women and men throughout the 33rd State Senate District (SD-33).

"Lena Gonzalez is a proven advocate for women and families in our community," said **Celinda Vazquez, Vice President of Public Affairs at Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County Action Fund**. "She has spent years educating herself and others about the importance of protecting and expanding access to reproductive health care and rights. With the



Trump Administration's attacks on women's health, now more than ever we need true champions, and we know Lena will be a fierce champion for these issues in Sacramento."

"For generations, Planned Parenthood has been a leader in providing access to vital health care services for thousands of women and families across our state," said **Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "I am honored to have the support of the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project and thankful for their confidence in me. I look forward to working with Planned Parenthood to protect women's health in the State Senate."

Recently, the Trump Administration announced changes to federal Title X funding. More than four million people rely on federal Title X funding to access contraception and other essential health care. Established in 1970, Title X provides affordable birth control and reproductive health care to people with low incomes, who couldn't otherwise afford health care services on their own. Over 4 million people rely on Title X annually. Federal Title X funding helps ensure that every person — regardless of where they live, how much money they make, their background, or whether or not they have health insurance — has access to basic, preventive reproductive health care.

Gonzalez added, "I will stand with Planned Parenthood to fight yet another attack on the working poor by this President. The Trump-Pence administration's gag rule is a dangerous and unconscionable attack on our health and rights. It includes language specifically designed to block people from care at Planned Parenthood health centers. This puts health care at risk for four million patients and keeps patients from getting information about all of their health care options — including 1.6 million Planned Parenthood patients."

Planned Parenthood provides a wide variety of services in their health centers. In fiscal year 2017-18, 22,305 residents in Senate District 33 have visited a Planned Parenthood health center. 89.4% of those patients live at or below the federal poverty level and 88% of Planned Parenthood's patients in SD-33 were funded by public health programs like Medi-Cal.

The PPAP engages over 137,000 Angelenos with regular news updates and opportunities to take action, and 4,661 of those activists live in SD-33.

Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project 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 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
Long Beach Police Officers Association
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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