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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR ENDORSES LENA GONZALEZ FOR STATE SENATE

***Organization Representing Over 800,000 Workers in Los Angeles
County Throws Their Support Behind Gonzalez***

LONG BEACH, CA - Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez has earned the pivotal endorsement of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO (LA Labor Fed), her campaign for State Senate announced today.

"The working men and women of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor are proud to stand with Lena Gonzalez, a true champion for working men and women," said **Rusty Hicks, President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO**. "Lena has a proven track record of standing up for working Californians to ensure they have a living wage, safe working conditions and retirement security. In the State Senate, Lena will continue fighting for



the issues that matter, including good paying jobs, affordable housing, and equal opportunities for all Californians."

The LA Labor Fed has been a tireless advocate for working men and women in Los Angeles County for over 100 years. Today, the LA Labor Fed represents more than 800,000 workers, and continues to be at the forefront of the fights to protect and raise the minimum wage, improve workplace conditions, and ensure all working Californians have a voice in the issues that affect their lives.

"I am honored to receive the strong support of the LA Labor Fed," said **Long Beach City Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez**. "The LA Labor Fed has fought for working Californians for over a century, and I share their commitment to ensuring all working women and men have the opportunity to find a good paying job, own a home, and retire with security and dignity. As State Senator, I'm looking forward to working with the hardworking members of the LA Labor Fed in ensuring our state's economy works for all Californians."

The LA Labor Fed joins a prominent list of supporters who have endorsed Gonzalez including Congressman Alan Lowenthal, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Mayor Robert Garcia and a host of local city council members, community college trustees, school board members and water board members.

In addition to the LA Labor Fed's endorsement, the following organizations representing working women and men have endorsed Gonzalez's campaign:

- California Professional Firefighters
- California Services Employees International Union (SEIU)
- California State Building & Construction Trades Council
- IATSE - All Los Angeles Based Locals*
- International Association of Machinists (IAM) District 947
- International Longshore & Warehouse Union So. CA District Council
- International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13
- International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 63
- International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 94
- Ironworkers Local 416
- Ironworkers Local 433
- Long Beach Firefighters Association
- Long Beach Police Officers Association
- National Union of Healthcare Workers
- Painters & Allied Trades International Union District Council 36



Plumbers Local 78
Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16
Teamsters Local 63
Teamsters Local 848
Teamsters Local 952
United Association Local 250
United Food & Commercial Workers International Union Local 324
Unite-HERE Local 11

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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