

## Press Release

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### **Patty López receives endorsement from the Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus Cristina Garcia**

**San Fernando, CA** – Former Assemblymember Patty López (D – San Fernando), currently campaigning to once again represent District 39 in the California Assembly, releases statement announcing that she has received the endorsement of the chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus and Assemblymember for the 58th District Cristina Garcia:

***"I am honored to announce that I have received the endorsement of Cristina Garcia Assembly member for the 58th District. This means a lot to me because she is not only a great ally and a fierce champion for Californians, but she was a person that mentored me and taught me a great deal during my first tenure in the Assembly. The knowledge and experience she shared with me assisted me in exercising my role in Sacramento with more efficacy. Cristina also holds my respect for being a Latina leader who is fighting and advocating for all women, working to ensure we have transparency in government, ensuring our environmental leadership doesn't leave behind our most impacted communities, and making positive changes for the benefit of all hard-working families of our great golden State of California "* – as stated by Patty López.**

***"Patty is a voice for so many Californians who come here looking for their American Dream, just like my parents did 5 decades ago. Her perspective is unique and needed in the legislature to ensure every Californian has a voice. In the two years Patty was my colleague she lead with integrity, passion, and a strong commitment to everyone in her community. Whether in the assembly or as a community activist, Patty makes sure everyone has a voice, irrespective of their income, race, gender or immigration status. I'm proud to stand with Patty and urge all the voters in Assembly district 39 to vote for Patty, she's their best person for the job," said Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia.***

Cristina Garcia is the Assembly member for District 58 as well as the Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus. In the Assembly, Cristina is also the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee and a member of several other standing committees including budget, judiciary, legislative ethics, and utilities and energy. Her membership to several select committees that include the California-México Bi-National Affairs, Renewable Energy Development and Restoration of the Salton Sea, Status of Girls and Women of Color, Waste Reduction and Recycling in the 21st Century California, Women in the Workplace, and Workforce and Vocational Development. Assemblymember Garcia is well known for her authored bills which have received great praise on the areas of Women's Issues, Ethics and Good Government, and Socio- Economic & Environmental Justice.

Cristina has been recognized by California Forward with the distinguished California Forward Thinkers Award and previously earned the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award from the California State Assembly. In 2013, and again in 2017, the Latino Journal & CAFÉ de California, presented the Spirit of Latina Award to Assembly member Garcia for her "exemplary work to strengthen California's Democracy and advance the representation of Latinas in Public Service.

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On her own right Mrs. López attained numerous achievements during her past tenure as Assembly member authoring legislation to assist California's most vulnerable communities, keeping families together, creating greater access for students towards colleges and universities, allowing an income tax exemption for our veterans, and limiting the influence of special interest groups over law makers in Sacramento. Her legislation legacy has included the Right to Dry bill, which prohibits apartment complexes and multiple family residential dwellings from banning individuals who wish to dry their clothing on a clothes line. She also authored legislation to require an independent film maker to sit as a board member on California's Filming Commission. She notably authored a bill to make prosecutorial misconduct a felony offense for which she received multiple awards.

In 2016, she was honored by the National Women's Political Caucus as the recipient of their annual Leadership award. She was also given the annual Green Leadership Award in 2016. Patty López earned a perfect score from the Courage Campaign in their review of her 2015 voting record. She also has led activist rallies in her community in defense of the rights of immigrants and the rights of transgender individuals.

***“Today, I feel proud to have received the support from my friend Cristina Garcia. I look forward to seeing her and continue to learn from her as we fight together for women's rights, those who have no voice in government, and a bright future for California.” – stated Patty López.***