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Former Assemblywoman López officially kicks off campaign for the California Assembly

San Fernando, CA – Former Assemblywoman Patty López (D – San Fernando) releases statement for her campaign kick off towards her upcoming bid to become once again Assembly member for the 39th District:

“I am excited and grateful to announce that I will be running for the California 39th Assembly District seat. After fielding many messages and phone calls, and after having numerous conversations with members of my communities, I have decided to run and be a candidate once again. During my tenure as Assembly member in the past, I learned many things which have helped me grow as an elected official. I can assure my communities that I will continue to be a staunch fighter in their behalf. I also want to give all my past colleagues in the Assembly an assurance that I will work collaboratively, to listen, to learn from their experience, and to strengthen our mutual resolve to assist all our fellow Californians.” – as stated by Patty López.

During her past tenure as Assembly member Mrs. López attained numerous achievements including 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.

Additionally, she was a strong proponent of the minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour in California, reflecting on the Assembly floor about her own experience as a minimum wage earner.

“Today, in light of so many examples of corruption and abuse of power by elected officials, I ask you to join me in the fight to give voice to those that have been abused and to give attention to those who are still waiting for their needs to be met. I will fight for you and continue to mobilize our communities so that together we can create a better future for all of us.” – as stated by Patty López.