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League Of Conservation Voters San Diego Endorses Lorena Gonzalez For San Diego City Council

Tuesday, September 6: The League of Conservation Voters San Diego (LCVSD) announced the unanimous endorsement of Lorena Gonzalez for San Diego City Council District 2. "We are lucky to have someone of Lorena's caliber run for City Council in San Diego, and we are thrilled to give her our endorsement," noted LCVSD's President Bruce Reznik. "Even among a field that includes several environmental activists, Lorena stood out in terms of her environmental record, the viability of her campaign, and her ability to be an effective advocate of environmental protection once elected."

Lorena, who is an environmental attorney, serves on the California State Lands Commission - the body that oversees ports and public tidelands, and ex-officio commissioner to the California Coastal Commission. Lorena said, "I am honored to have been recognized by my distinguished peers at League of Conservation Voters San Diego and in the environmental community as the candidate that will be an effective champion for the environment."

Some of Lorena's more significant environmental accomplishments at the State Lands Commission include: strengthening Ballast Water Regulations in the Port of San Diego and at other ports throughout the state; creating a statewide policy on development within the public trust lands; spearheading the agency's development of an environmental justice doctrine that became a model for other state agencies; working with the Surfrider Foundation in creating a statewide policy on shoreline protective structures and sea walls; and forcing stronger discharge permits for the San Diego South Bay power plant.

Lorena has also done substantial work with groups throughout the State of California to oppose offshore oil drilling and ensuring oil companies are forced to clean-up their mess after they have abandoned oil rigs off our coast.

The League of Conservation Voters San Diego (www.lcvsd.org) is the local chapter of the California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV), the nonpartisan political action arm of California's environmental movement. The League of Conservation Voters' mission is to work to elect and support environmentally responsible candidates for public office, and to hold them accountable to the environmental agenda once elected.

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