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## **MAYOR JESSICA ANCONA SECURES ENDORSEMENTS FROM A SLATE OF STATE SENATORS**

*State Senators from Across Los Angeles County Including Connie Leyva, Lena Gonzalez and Bob Archuleta show their support for Mayor Jessica Ancona's reelection bid.*

**El Monte, CA** - In a display of incredible momentum, Mayor Jessica Ancona announces support from State Senators that represent portions of Los Angeles County and the San Gabriel Valley. Among them were Senator Lena Gonzalez, Senate Majority Whip, Connie Leyva, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, and Senator Bob Archuleta, Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs. Together they represent over 3 million residents of the County.

*"I am honored by the support of these great State Senators. Our State leads the nation on many issues I care about, and I am ready to lead El Monte into the future with their support and leadership." said Mayor Jessica Ancona, "I look forward to working with these regional leaders to continue to bring change to the communities we represent."*

The Mayor is supported by these State Senators for her leadership and coalition building. Mayor Ancona points to the legislation on safe street vending Senator Gonzalez' has worked on. She is encouraged by Senator Archuleta's Bill that would provide additional resources for law enforcement training on community interactions. And she applauds Senator Leyva's steadfast support for working families.

*"I endorse Jessica Ancona for Mayor of El Monte because she has done the work and has led her City with pride and dedication," said Senator Connie Leyva. "Not only has she worked on behalf of her constituents, but she has advocated for working families and ensured that our essential workers were at the table during the pandemic when decisions about their well being were being made."*

Mayor Ancona is organizing education communities, public safety groups, labor groups, and other community organizations to move the City of El Monte ahead and get voters to vote by mail or vote at the polls. That is why she is endorsed by so many community leaders. To join the growing list of supporters visit [bit.ly/EndorseAncona](https://bit.ly/EndorseAncona) or her website at [www.jessicaancona.com](http://www.jessicaancona.com)

Bio attached.

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Mayor Jessica Ancona is a proud, lifelong resident of the City of El Monte and a daughter of hardworking immigrants from Mexico. She was born and raised in this great city of El Monte, and has dedicated her adult life to public service as an educator and elected official.

Jessica attended public schools in El Monte, and graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition to obtaining her bachelor's degree from UCLA, she has earned a Teaching Credential and Master's in Education from Azusa Pacific University and an Administrative Services Credential from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Mayor Ancona is currently a high school assistant principal at Lynwood Unified School District. Prior to becoming a school administrator she was a high school teacher for 10 years. For over two decades, Jessica has been an advocate for our children, their education and their quality of life.

In 2013, Mayor Ancona was first elected to the El Monte City School District Governing Board, where she served as the President in 2016 and 2017 and Vice President in 2018. Jessica also served as a Delegate Assembly Member for the California School Board Association (CSBA) in 2017 and 2018 with 300 other members from throughout the State of California. She was elected to serve on CSBA by local school boards within Region 23.

As an elected El Monte City School District Governing Board Member for five years, Mayor Ancona supported building state of the art facilities; re-implemented music programs for all students; opened the Jeff Seymour Family Center housing over 30 community service providers for our families; increased wages and improved healthcare benefits for the district's workforce and maintained a fiscally sound budget. While Jessica was President of the school board, she advocated to establish a Project Labor Agreement with the Building Trades for the final project of a series of school and facility improvements scheduled to begin late Winter of 2018.

In 2018, Mayor Ancona was elected to the El Monte City Council as the only independent candidate in the race. Her independence has proven valuable to the community as she has been able to focus on the needs of the residents of El Monte. During the first 2 years on the council, she took on the tobacco and vape industry protecting the youth of this community. Jessica also advocated for a joint use agreement with the school district, opening up more greenspace for recreational and passive uses for her community. She supports smart conscious development and welcomes progress that considers community first.

In 2020, was elected Mayor to bring about new bold ideas to the City. She garnered over 11,000 votes, the highest for any Mayoral candidate in El Monte's history. She entered into the role as Mayor at the height of the pandemic and worked tirelessly to secure more COVID testing and vaccination resources for the seniors, families and children in the community. With an increase in hate crimes, Mayor Ancona championed to establish a Human Relations Ad Hoc, championed a Walk Against API Hate with her colleagues and brought forth the first Proclamation in El Monte's history that proclaimed June as Pride Month and subsequently held a Pride night at El Monte's weekly Farmers' Market.

Jessica has been a dedicated public servant and an ally to working families. She has fought tirelessly to bring forth Energy Efficiency Projects, a Sewer replacement and Street repair project, as well as union arborists to maintain her city's trees amongst other projects. Her work with local law enforcement and the fire department during some of the City's most difficult times, has made her a strong advocate for public safety and ensuring El Monte families can live safe and healthy in their beloved city.

Mayor Ancona also currently serves as a Commissioner for LA County Libraries, Director for the LA County Sanitation District, Director for the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council and a Governing Board Member for Foothill Transit.

Jessica is a proud mother of two college students who live with her. Her parents still live in the City of El Monte along with many other family members.

***Jessica Ancona is available for interviews.***

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