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Mayor Jessica Ancona pulls nomination documents to seek re-election for Mayor of El Monte

El Monte, CA - On Monday, Mayor Jessica Ancona pulled nomination documents to begin the process of running for reelection as Mayor of the City El Monte, in the November 8th elections.

“This is the first step in this democratic process. Our City Clerk and the staff have done a great job in ensuring El Monte voters are aware and understand the elections process.” said Mayor Jessica Ancona, “I look forward to bringing our coalition together to continue the work we began 4 years ago when I first ran for City Council.

The Mayor is the first to pull paperwork for this citywide seat on the Council, which the City is now transitioning into districts. The City has two other citywide seats; the Treasurer and City Clerk. El Monte voters will not only vote to reelect Mayor Ancona but also elect a treasurer, city clerk and 4 other council members.

“El Monte has led on many fronts over the years, but especially most recently. It is my goal that El Monte is also a beacon of Democracy in the San Gabriel Valley and beyond, by ensuring that the voters in El Monte have the information they need to make informed decisions and get out and vote.” said the Mayor about the election process in El Monte.

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 or her website at www.jessicaancona.com

Bio attached.



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.

As an elected El Monte City School District Governing Board Member for five years, Jessica 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. She also advocated establishing a Project Labor Agreement.

In 2018, Jessica 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. Additionally, she has worked with the Southwest Carpenters Union to help complete Fletcher Fetch Park by building aesthetic enhancements to the project. She supports smart conscious development and welcomes progress that considers community first.

In 2020, Jessica took on an 11 year incumbent 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. 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. She is endorsed by several Teamsters locals and Joint Council 42, Laborers District Council and Local 300, Painters and Allied Trades District Council 36, IBEW Local 11, Sprinklerfitters, Steamfitters, Pipefitters, Plumbers and other labor groups representing working families of El Monte and San Gabriel Valley.

Jessica is a proud mother of two college students who live with her in El Monte. 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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