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SERENA GONZALES-GUTIERREZ ANNOUNCES EIGHT ENDORSEMENTS FROM DENVER STATE SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez rolls out endorsements from three sitting State Senators and five sitting State Representatives, representing neighborhoods from Green Valley Ranch to Harvey Park, Sunnyside to Virginia Village

Denver, CO - Today, Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez announced endorsements from eight sitting Denver legislators, spanning every corner and region of the Mile High City:

- Senator Julie Gonzales, Senate District 34
- Senator James Coleman, Senate District 33
- Senator Robert Rodriguez, Senate District 32
- Representative Javier Mabrey, House District 1
- Representative Elisabeth Epps, House District 6
- Representative Steven Woodrow, House District 2
- Representative Emily Sirota, House District 9
- Representative Jennifer Bacon, House District 7

"I'm running to make Denver a place where working people can put down generational roots," said Gonzales-Gutierrez. "These people have seen me do that work at the State Legislature, and they know I will continue to deliver for Denverites on City Council. To have their support means the world to me, and I am excited to keep working closely with them as a partner at the city-wide level."

"Serena's work is rooted in love," said Senator Julie Gonzales. "Her deep roots in the Northside, her years working alongside youth and families in moments of crisis, and her effective leadership at the state Capitol have prepared her to lead policymaking for Denver's families, small businesses, and community. I am honored to consider Serena a friend and comadre, and I hope you join me in supporting her candidacy for Denver City Council at-large."

"I've seen Serena fight for and pass meaningful legislation on the issues Denverites care about the most, from housing affordability to addressing the root causes of crime to investing in our education system so that our kids can thrive," said Senator James Coleman. "I know she will continue to lead on City Council, and I'm proud to endorse her." "Serena is a champion for working families, a proven leader, and a good friend," said Senator Robert Rodriguez. "Rooted in generations of service to Denver, she's proudly delivered for our city as a State Representative. I know she'll do the same on Denver City Council, and that's why I'm endorsing her for this seat."

"Serena has led on critically-important policy at the State Capitol--securing over \$500 million for affordable housing, establishing protections for renters and tenants, and fighting for working people every day--all while serving as a mentor and inspiration to so many," said Representative Javier Mabrey. "I know she'll bring that commitment and experience to Denver City Council, and I am honored to endorse her for this seat."

"Serena is a passionate advocate for people who need help the most, and she has a consistent record of delivering meaningful relief," said Representative Elisabeth Epps. "She will continue to leverage her Denver roots and deep experience working with children and families to address the root causes of our city's toughest challenges. I'm so proud to endorse Serena for Denver City Council at-large."

"Serena is a leader and fierce advocate for working families," said Representative Steven Woodrow. "She has deep Denver roots, a strong legislative record, and the professionalism we need to address our most pressing challenges. I'm honored to endorse her in this race for Denver City Council at-large."

"I've worked closely with Serena at the Capitol, and I know her experience and excellence addressing the issues facing our city today make her the right fit for Denver City Council at-large," said Representative Emily Sirota. "I'm proud to support her in this race."

"Serena is principled, compassionate, and bold," said Representative Jennifer Bacon. "At the State Legislature, she's carried dozens of policies that address the most pressing issues that Denverites from the far northeast to the deep southwest are facing, from addressing the root causes of crime to transformational investments in affordable housing. I know she'll bring the same dedication and experience to Denver City Council, and I'm excited to endorse her."

Today's announcement follows another recent high-profile endorsement for Gonzales-Gutierrez: current Denver City Councilwoman at-large Robin Kniech endorsed her candidacy in mid-January.

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