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PODER PAC ENDORSES RAQUEL TERÁN FOR CONGRESS IN AZ-03

The only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress, PODER PAC is the latest group to endorse Raquel Terán's campaign.

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, PODER PAC, the first and only political action committee founded by and for Latinas to elect Pro-Choice, Democratic Latinas to Congress, is announcing the endorsement of former State Senator and Arizona Democratic Party Chair Raquel Terán to represent Arizona's 3rd congressional district. If elected, Terán would be the first Latina elected to Congress from Arizona.

"It is evident Raquel has the passion, energy, and vast community support to represent AZ-03," **said Maria Cardona, PODER PAC Founding Board Member**. "She has been a fierce leader for abortion rights in the state legislature and PODER PAC will be proud to have her representing Latinas in Congress."

"As a lifelong Arizonan, I have witnessed Raquel do the impossible of taking on far-right extremists and winning. From dismantling SB1070, expelling Russell Pearce, and uplifting the next generation of leaders in Arizona to defeat Donald Trump and Joe Arpaio, PODER PAC is proud to endorse her for AZ-03. After leading the Arizona Democratic Party to historic victories at the state and federal levels, Raquel's fight is now needed in Congress," **said Ilse Rodriguez, PODER PAC Director**.

"As a proud Latina born and raised on the Arizona border, I am honored to have the support of PODER PAC," **said Raquel Terán, candidate for Arizona's third congressional district**. "From women's rights to worker's rights to our democracy, the stakes in our country have never been higher. I've dedicated my life to justice and equality and I've never backed down from a fight. With the support of the PODER PAC community Arizona will finally send a Latina to Congress for the first time. Sí se puede!"



PODER PAC is the latest endorser to throw their support behind Raquel Terán, joining Senator Mark Kelly and dozens of local leaders throughout Arizona.

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About PODER PAC

Founded in 2008, PODER PAC is the only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress. An organization by Latinas and for Latinas, PODER PAC works to recruit, support, and connect pro-choice Democratic Latinas running for Congress. Since our founding, PODER PAC has supported over 70 Latinas running for elected office.

About Raquel Terán

Raquel Terán is running for Arizona's third congressional district. For more than two decades, she fought for democracy by building a civic and political movement to lift up the voices of everyone in her community.

Raquel was born in Douglas, Arizona and raised in Agua Prieta, Sonora on the actual street that divides the United States from Mexico. In 2006, she saw anti-immigrant sentiment and legislation gaining momentum in Arizona. That year, at a local rally someone from Mi Familia Vota put a clipboard in her hand and because of her deep belief in democracy, equality, fairness, and family, Raquel started organizing in her community - and she hasn't been without a clipboard since.

In 2011, she helped bring together Democrats, Republicans, Independents, Latinos, union members, educators, and youth activists to do something that had never been achieved before, ousting a sitting legislator- Senator Russell Pearce – author of the notorious SB 1070 “show me your papers law.” The same coalition came together again and rejected Joe Arpaio in 2016.

Raquel traded her megaphone for a microphone when she was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2018. In 2021, I was appointed to the Arizona Senate and also elected Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party. And with our democracy under attack, that same coalition that defeated Pearce and Arpaio came together to reject the GOP extremists in 2022 and elect a Democratic Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General for the first time in decades.

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