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PODER PAC ENDORSES ALLYSON MUÑIZ DAMIKOLAS FOR CONGRESS IN CA-40

The only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress, PODER PAC is the latest group to endorse Allyson Muñiz Damikolas' 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 Allyson Muñiz Damikolas for California's 40th congressional district.

“From beating insurance companies in the fight for her daughter’s healthcare coverage to enacting countless educational programs to support low-income students on the Tustin Unified School Board, Allyson is the representation that the people of CA-40 need in Congress,” **said Ingrid Duran, PODER PAC Board Chair.** “PODER PAC proudly stands behind her.”

“Allyson is the fighter that the people of CA-40 need to advocate for them in Congress. As a mom, engineer, and school board trustee, Allyson is the right candidate to flip this seat and ensure increased representation for Latinas in Congress,” **said Ilse Rodriguez, PODER PAC Director.**

“I’m honored to receive PODER PAC’s endorsement. As Latinas, we share history, and we also share a common goal of creating a brighter future for future generations. We know that representation is powerful, and a brighter future means that all kinds of voices get a seat at the table where everyone has equal opportunities to realize the American dream. I’m so proud to have the support of these incredible women, and I can’t wait to work with them in Congress,” **said Allyson Muñiz Damikolas, candidate for CA-40.**



PODER PAC is the latest endorser to throw their support behind Allyson Muñiz Damikolas, joining BOLD PAC, Emily's List, and Elect Democratic Women.

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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 Allyson Muñiz Damikolas

Allyson Muñiz Damikolas is an engineer, mom of three, and Tustin school board trustee running for Congress in California's 40th Congressional District. Rooted in California, her Mexican-American family has a strong military background; her father is a US Marine veteran and her grandfathers fought in WWII. Her mother, a union cafeteria worker, raised four children. Determined to rise from financial instability, Allyson got an engineering degree and joined an environmental consulting firm.

When Allyson's daughters faced a complex medical condition, she paused her career to advocate for them, battling insurance companies and the medical system to get the treatments and policy coverage they needed. Once in school, the girls needed a champion to ensure their education would help them reach their full potential despite their medical needs. In being that champion, Allyson discovered that a large portion of students were lacking resources and attention from the district.

Determined to uplift low-income students, Allyson unseated a 24-year incumbent and became the first Latina in over 30 years to join the Tustin Unified School District board. Drawing from her experiences, she directed resources towards low-income students while prioritizing student and educator mental health. She led the charge to convert the district's Title 1 schools into Community Schools, hired 12 nurses and 14 mental health counselors, and secured a 13% wage increase for teachers and classified workers in her school district.