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PODER PAC ENDORSES RHODE ISLAND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SABINA MATOS FOR CONGRESS IN RI-01

The only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress, PODER PAC is the latest group to endorse Lt. Governor Sabina Matos' 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 Rhode Island Lt. Governor Sabina Matos for Congress in RI-01. She would make history as the first Afro-Latina ever elected to Congress.

"We are proud to endorse Lt. Governor Sabina Matos as our first candidate in the 2023 election cycle," **said Ingrid Duran, PODER PAC Board Chair.** "Sabina is battle tested and has shown she has what it takes to run a winning campaign. We look forward to working with her to win RI-01."

"Lt. Governor Matos will be a critical voice for Latinas in Congress, which she has proved through her commitment to the community throughout her years in politics. We are proud to endorse her and look forward to her victory in this special election," **said Ilse Rodriguez, PODER PAC Director.**

"I'm proud that PODER PAC is supporting my campaign," **said Sabina Matos, candidate for RI-01.** "Our reproductive rights are under siege by MAGA Republicans in Congress, by politically motivated conservative courts, and in state houses across the country. I've been proud to be part of the effort here in Rhode Island to strengthen and expand reproductive freedom and I'm committed to doing my part in Congress to ensure our rights are protected and reinforced."



Pointing to clear momentum in the race for RI-01, PODER PAC is the latest endorser to throw their support behind Sabina Matos, joining CHC BOLD PAC and dozens of local leaders throughout Rhode Island.

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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 Sabina Matos

Immigrating to the United States from the Dominican Republic at the age of 20 and determined to secure the American dream, Sabina worked at a clothing factory before moving to Providence – where she learned English while working in a jewelry factory.

Sabina graduated from Rhode Island College and soon after started a sales job at a Spanish-language radio station. In 2010, Sabina was elected to the Providence City Council. During her campaign, Sabina remembers being asked why a single mother with a baby would run for office. Her response: “Why not?”

Sabina served 10 years on the Council, championing an equity agenda. Her initiatives took direct aim at the barriers facing Providence households: building housing that hard-working Rhode Islanders can afford, supporting women leaders, and protecting reproductive freedom.

Since 2021, Sabina has served as Rhode Island’s Lieutenant Governor, advocating for stronger voting rights and gun safety legislation, working closely with the McKee Administration to make historic investments in addressing our climate crisis and affordable housing, and championing protections for reproductive freedom.

Lt. Governor Matos has been a trailblazer in her public service to Rhode Island as both the first Afro-Latina to be President of the Providence City Council and hold statewide office in Rhode Island. If elected, she would become the first Democratic woman and first person of color elected to Congress in Rhode Island’s history – as well as the nation’s first Afro-Latina elected to Congress.