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PODER PAC ENDORSES LUZ RIVAS FOR CONGRESS IN CA-29

The only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress, PODER PAC is the latest group to endorse Luz Rivas' 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 Luz Rivas for California's 29th congressional district.

"Luz has collaborated with her colleagues on legislation that advances women's reproductive rights. She co-authored several bills that are related to reproductive justice. Her priorities have always been to uplift and empower underrepresented communities, Luz is the representative that the people of CA-29 need in Congress," **said Ingrid Duran, PODER PAC Board Chair.** "PODER PAC proudly stands behind her."

"As the Chair of the Los Angeles County legislative delegation, Luz delivered substantive policy, such as reforming the state's response to homelessness, providing universal school meals to all K-12 students, and creating the California Youth Empowerment Commission to increase youth civic engagement. Her track record speaks for itself," **said Catherine Pino, PODER PAC Board Member.** "Luz has proudly represented the community she grew up in and will continue to do so in Congress."

"As a proud pro-choice Latina, I am honored to receive PODER PAC'S endorsement. In Congress I look forward to working with them to protect all women's rights" **said Luz Rivas, candidate for U.S. Congress CA-29.**

PODER PAC fuels innovative candidates who are determined to change the current political landscape and the institutions that govern us. Our empowered Latina candidates demonstrate a commitment to our Latino community and the inequities we face everyday.

PODER PAC is the latest endorser to throw their support behind Luz Rivas, joining BOLD PAC, Equality California, and California Legislative Progressive Caucus.

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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 Luz Rivas

Luz Rivas was born in Los Angeles to an immigrant family and grew up in the San Fernando Valley. She attended Los Angeles public schools before earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from MIT and a master's of education from Harvard University. Luz has built her career at the intersection of engineering and education before entering public service. She worked as an electrical engineer at Motorola and later founded DIY Girls, a nonprofit that encourages young girls to pursue careers in science and engineering.

Luz was elected to the California State Assembly in June 2018. Since then, Luz has been appointed as the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and currently serves on the Assembly Committees on Budget; Communications and Conveyance; Revenue and Taxation; and the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management. She is also the Chair of the Select Committee on the Non-Profit Sector and was elected by her peers as the Chair of the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation.

During Luz's time in the Assembly, her priority has been to uplift and empower underrepresented communities. She has been extraordinarily successful as a leader in delivering substantive policy, such as reforming the state's response to homelessness, providing universal school meals to all K-12 students, creating the California Youth Empowerment Commission to increase youth civic engagement, and advocating for environmental justice through her role as the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources. Prior to the Assembly Luz served as a commissioner on the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works. Luz believes it is her highest honor to represent the community she grew up in.