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PODER PAC ENDORSES JOANNA MENDOZA FOR CONGRESS IN AZ-06

The only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress, PODER PAC is the latest group to endorse JoAnna Mendoza's campaign for Arizona's 6th Congressional District.

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 JoAnna Mendoza for Arizona's 6th congressional district.

"JoAnna's experience as a Marine, a single mother, and a community leader makes her a champion for those who have long been overlooked. Her unwavering commitment to tackling the rising cost of living and fighting for the needs of Arizona's veterans reflects the kind of leadership that transforms lives and strengthens the fabric of our nation." **said Ingrid Duran, PODER PAC Board Chair.**

"JoAnna's dedication to empowering underserved communities and championing Latino representation has been evident throughout her career, from connecting families with essential resources to mentoring the next generation of leaders. As a fierce advocate for women's rights, she stands as a powerful voice for the change we need, ensuring that every woman's choice and every community's voice is heard," **said Catherine Pino, PODER PAC Board Member.**

"Our campaign is honored to stand with PODER PAC and its efforts to uplift diverse voices and champion the importance of true representation in Congress. PODER PAC's commitment to empowering pro-choice Latina leaders is inspiring, and I'm proud to be part of this movement." **said JoAnna Mendoza, candidate for U.S. Congress AZ-06.**

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 JoAnna Mendoza, joining Moms Fed Up PAC.

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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 JoAnna Mendonza

JoAnna Mendoza was born and raised in Eloy, Arizona. She grew up in a farmworker family, experiencing firsthand the challenges of poverty in a rural area. Despite their hard work, her family often struggled to make ends meet. This experience instilled in JoAnna a strong desire to give back to her community and embark on a career in public service.

At 17, JoAnna joined the Marines, beginning a 20-year career in the military. She became a Drill Instructor and witnessed the immense sacrifices made by service members during deployments to combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. Afterward, she returned to Arizona to raise her son, Aiden, as a single mother. JoAnna is dedicated to serving the communities that shaped her. A lifelong servant leader, she is deeply committed to tackling the challenges facing her district, including reducing the cost of food, gas, and housing. She understands the struggles of Arizona's families and is committed to serving the communities that shaped her.

She has served her community as a member of the Red Rock School District School Board and as a Veteran Services Representative and Deputy District Director for former Congressman Tom O'Halleran (AZ-01). Currently, she leads as the Executive Director of VetsForward, advocating for veterans' needs.