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PODER PAC ENDORSES MARLENE GALÁN-WOODS FOR CONGRESS IN AZ-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 Marlene Galán-Wood'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 Marlene Galán-Woods for Arizona's First Congressional District.

"PODER PAC is thrilled to back Marlene Galán-Woods, whose dedication to exposing corruption and strengthening our democracy makes her the leader Arizona needs." **said Ingrid Duran, PODER PAC Board Chair.**

"Marlene's advocacy is rooted in a lifetime of service and resilience. From her career in journalism exposing corruption to her work supporting local children, she knows firsthand the difference strong leadership can make," **said Catherine Pino, PODER PAC Board Member.** "PODER PAC is proud to champion her leadership."

"I'm honored to have the support of PODER PAC. I am inspired by their work to uplift and support pro-choice Latina voices in important political and policy conversations and I look forward to working with them once elected as the first Latina to represent this district in Congress." **said Marlene Galán-Woods candidate for AZ-01.**

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 to endorse Marlene Galán-Woods, joining BOLD PAC, EMILY's List, Latino Victory Fund, and state leaders including Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes and former Arizona Democratic Party Chair and Senate Minority Leader Raquel Terán.

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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 Marlene Galán-Woods

Marlene Galán Woods is a 35-year Arizona resident, former broadcast journalist and mother of five children. Her parents fled communist Cuba looking for a better life for their children. Their risk paid off when Marlene moved to Arizona in the 1980s— where she began her career as a broadcast journalist, where she met the love of her life, and where they would raise a family together.

While Marlene's late husband, Grant Woods, served as Arizona's Attorney General, Marlene was exposing corruption and holding the powerful accountable during her 20-year journalism career. Outside of their respective careers, Marlene and Grant were dedicated to improving the lives of Arizona children, from serving on the board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley to spearheading a local tennis tournament that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help underserved kids.

In 2022, Marlene chaired the campaign of Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes, and led a group of former journalists in calling out Republican candidates, namely Kari Lake, for their attacks on the media while spreading disinformation. Marlene's dedication to the preservation of our democracy was recognized by Governor Katie Hobbs' who invited Marlene to serve on her transition committee.