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PODER PAC ENDORSES ELIZABETH GUZMAN FOR CONGRESS IN VA-7

The only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress, PODER PAC is the latest group to endorse Elizabeth Guzman' 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 Elizabeth Guzman for Virginia's 7th congressional district.

"Elizabeth is a passionate advocate for women's reproductive health and will continue to fight to codify Roe v. Wade in Congress. She voted to expand reproductive health access during her time as a House Delegate in Virginia, Elizabeth is the representative that the people of VA-7 need in Congress," **said Ingrid Duran, PODER PAC Board Chair.** "PODER PAC proudly stands behind her."

"Elizabeth has always been a fighter for her community, serving for nearly two decades as a community organizer, social worker, public administrator and legislator in Prince William County. We are excited to see her advancing women's reproductive rights and being a voice for underrepresented communities." **said Catherine Pino, PODER PAC Board Member.**

"When I first ran for office in 2017, I was determined to prove that Guzman is an American name. Today, I am proud to accept PODER'S endorsement in my bid for Congress. Our historic campaign – which would send the first Latina from Virginia to the House of Representatives – will continue to fight for the values that bring our community together and get us one step closer to earning Latinos the representation that they deserve at the federal level." **said Elizabeth Guzman, candidate for U.S. Congress VA-7.**

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 Elizabeth Guzman, joining Emily's List, Vote Pro-Choice, and Virginia's List.

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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 Elizabeth Guzman

Elizabeth Guzman has always been a fighter for her community, serving for nearly two decades as a community organizer, social worker, public administrator and legislator in Prince William County.

Elizabeth came to America more than two decades ago as a young single mother with just \$300 in her pocket. She worked three minimum wage jobs in order to afford an apartment for herself and her daughter. She eventually put herself through Northern Virginia Community College and later earned two master's degrees, building a career as a social worker who protected children from abuse and helped individuals facing mental health challenges.

Elizabeth started organizing in her community in 2006 as an activist fighting Corey Stewart's efforts to bring the 287(g) partnership with ICE to Prince William County. Nearly a decade and a half later, Elizabeth successfully led the charge to end the program and was appointed to serve as a member of the county's Jail Board.

After winning multiple competitive elections, Elizabeth represented parts of the majority-minority Prince William County and parts of the more rural Fauquier County. While staying true to her values, Elizabeth has worked diligently in a bipartisan fashion to bridge the rural-urban divide and ensure that all communities in her district are represented, earning her respect from members on both sides of the aisle.

Elizabeth and her husband Carlos have resided in Prince William County for over two decades with their four children and her mother, Gregoria.