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PODER PAC Congratulates Adelita Grijalva on Her Historic Victory in Arizona's 7th Congressional District

Washington, D.C. – Today, PODER PAC proudly celebrates the election of **Adelita Grijalva** to the U.S. House of Representatives, marking a groundbreaking moment for Arizona and for Latina representation in Congress.

Adelita's victory is not only a personal milestone but also a transformative step for her district and the country. Raised in Tucson and shaped by a lifetime of service, Adelita has built her career on the values of equity, education, and opportunity. Her election ensures that the voices of communities too often left behind will now be heard at the highest levels of government.

"Adelita's victory is a powerful reminder that when Latinas run, Latinas win. She brings a lifetime of service, deep ties to her community, and a vision that will uplift Arizona and inspire women across the nation. Today, we celebrate not just her win, but the door she has opened for countless others to follow," said Ingrid Durán, Board Chair of PODER PAC.

Catherine Pino, Board Member of PODER PAC, added: "Representation matters – and Adelita's historic election ensures that the voices of families, educators, and communities too often overlooked will be heard in Congress. Her leadership will help build a more equitable and inclusive future, and PODER PAC is proud to have stood with her on this journey.

Grijalva, a lifelong Tucson resident, educator, and community leader, expressed her gratitude to her supporters, "This victory is ours, ours, and together, we broke the glass ceiling. First Latina congresswoman from Arizona. It's hard to describe how I feel in this moment, but I see it in the eyes of my family and all of you, and I promise I might be the first, but I will not be the last," Grijalva said."

Her words captured both the pride of a community and the responsibility of leadership, underscoring that this win is part of a larger movement to expand opportunity and representation across the country.

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

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 Adelita Grijalva

Adelita Grijalva is a lifelong public servant, advocate, and resident of Southern Arizona. A graduate of Pueblo High School and the University of Arizona, she began her 25-year career working at the Pima County Teen Court helping court-involved youth through a restorative juvenile diversion program. Adelita was first elected to public office in 2002, serving on the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board, where she championed the expansion of preschool access and defended Mexican-American Studies. In 2020, Adelita was elected to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, representing District 5. She became the first Latina and only the second woman to serve as Chair, and was re-elected in 2024 with over 73% of the vote. As a Supervisor, she prioritized affordable housing, climate resiliency, and community wellness, launching the county's first free preschool program for low-income families and protecting open spaces in the Sonoran Desert for future generations to enjoy. A believer in public-private partnerships, Adelita serves on multiple community boards. She lives in Tucson with her husband and three children, and is the proud daughter of Congressman Raúl Grijalva.