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## GAME-CHANGING ENDORSEMENT FROM DAVID VELA, PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD

LOS ANGELES, CA - June 12, 2023 - Efren Martinez's campaign for California State Assembly District 57 just received a resounding vote of confidence as **David Vela, President of the board of the Los Angeles Community College District**, announced his powerful endorsement of Efren Martinez as the best candidate to represent South Los Angeles.

David Vela's endorsement of Efren Martinez amplifies the voices of thousands of students, faculty members, and education advocates throughout Los Angeles who believe in Efren's ability to champion the interests of students, educators, and the future of education in California. His endorsement serves as a testament to Efren Martinez's unwavering commitment to ensuring that every student in Los Angeles has access to high-quality education, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.

"Today, I proudly endorse Efren Martinez for State Assembly. Efren's passion for education and his unwavering dedication to our community make him the ideal candidate to represent us. As President of the board of the Los Angeles Community College District, I have witnessed his tireless efforts to improve educational access and opportunities for all. Efren's commitment to ensuring that every student receives a quality education is unmatched, and I have no doubt that he will champion our interests in the State Assembly. I wholeheartedly endorse Efren Martinez and urge the community to join me in supporting him."

**- David Vela, President, Los Angeles Community College District**

Efren stated, "I am deeply honored to receive the endorsement of David Vela, a champion for educational equity and a true advocate for our community. David's endorsement represents a vote of confidence in my ability to bring about positive change, particularly in the realm of education." Efren continued, "Education has the power to transform lives, and it is a top priority in my vision for our community. I am more determined than ever to fight for accessible and quality education for all Californians. Together, we will create a brighter future for our community and ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed."

The following are publicly announced endorsements to date:

### **State Elected Officials**

- Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria
- Assemblywoman Blanca Pacheco
- Assemblymember Juan Carrillo
- Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio
- Senator Melissa Hurtado

### **Local Elected Officials**

- Kelly Gonez, Board Member, LAUSD
- Monica Arroyo, Mayor, City of Bell
- Ali Saleh, Councilmember, City of Bell
- Oralia Rebollo, Mayor, City of Commerce
- Elizabeth Alcantar, Councilmember, City of Cudahy
- Eduardo Martinez, Mayor, City of Huntington Park
- Marilyn Sanabria, Vice-Mayor, City of Huntington Park
- Graciela Ortiz, Councilmember, City of Huntington Park
- Karina Macias, Councilmember, City of Huntington Park
- Arturo Flores, Councilmember, City of Huntington Park
- Cassandra Chase, Councilmember, City of Lakewood
- Jose Luis Solache, Mayor, City of Lynwood
- Frank Garcia, Mayor, City of Maywood
- Mayra Aguiluz, Vice-Mayor, City of Maywood
- Eddie De La Riva, Councilmember, City of Maywood
- Heber Marquez, Councilmember, City of Maywood
- Jessica Torres, Councilmember, City of Maywood
- Dr. Monica Sanchez, Councilmember, City of Pico Rivera
- Gil Hurtado, Councilmember, City of South Gate
- Maria Davila, Councilmember, City of South Gate
- Melissa Ybarra, Councilmember, City of Vernon
- Leticia Lopez, Councilmember, City of Vernon

### **California Democratic Party Delegates**

*(100% of Elected AD57 Assembly Delegates Endorsed)*

- Loma White, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Maria Haro, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Danette Garcia, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Alondra Lopez, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Michelle Reed, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Jaileen Perez, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Maria Quinonez, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Marcos Banuelos, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Jose Luis Flores, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Frank Perez, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Julio Esperias, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Pedro Flores, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Omar Quiñonez, Delegate Assembly District 57
- Sergio Peña Velasco, Delegate Assembly District 57

**The 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District communities include:** Florence-Firestone, the heart of South Los Angeles, most of Downtown Los Angeles and parts of Huntington Park. **Voter Stats:** Total Registered voters 212,826; Democrats 136,199 – Republican 13,712 – No Party Pref. 47,891 – Other Parties 15,023; African American 57,169 - Latino 113,445 – White 33,757 - Other 8,455

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