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### **EFREN MARTINEZ GAINS CRUCIAL ENDORSEMENT FROM ASSEMBLYWOMAN ESMERALDA SORIA, MEMBER OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH ACCESSIBILITY**

LOS ANGELES, CA - June 1, 2023 - Efren Martinez, a dedicated candidate for California State Assembly District 57 representing South Los Angeles, has garnered a significant **endorsement from Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria, a prominent member of the Mental Health Accessibility Committee.** This endorsement not only demonstrates the growing support for Martinez's campaign but also emphasizes his commitment to improving mental health accessibility, securing funding for essential services, supporting affordable housing, and generating good-paying jobs within the community.

One of the key issues at the heart of Efren Martinez's campaign is the urgent need to address mental health accessibility and ensure that vital services are fully funded for all. Furthermore, Efren recognizes that housing instability and unaffordability disproportionately impact marginalized communities and is committed to implementing policies that provide affordable and sustainable housing options. Martinez aims to foster a thriving community where every individual can find stable and affordable housing to support their well-being.

"I am proud to endorse Efren for State Assembly. His dedication to improving mental health accessibility and commitment to supporting the funding of essential services for a healthier and more equitable communities is undisputable. I believe that Efren's passion, experience, and genuine care for Los Angeles make him the ideal candidate to represent the community effectively."

**- Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria**

Efren went on to state, "I am humbled and honored to receive the endorsement of Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria. Her support strengthens our mission to bring about positive change to Los Angeles. I am fully committed to advocating for mental health accessibility, affordable housing, and creating good-paying jobs within our community. Together, we will work tirelessly to ensure a better future for all residents."

The following are publicly announced endorsements to date:

#### **State Elected Officials**

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

### **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 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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