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Gil Cedillo Announces Campaign for Los Angeles City Council

Los Angeles, CA – State Assemblymember and former State Senator Gil Cedillio announced his campaign for Los Angeles City Council today. Cedillo is the author of the California Dream Act, recently signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, one of the most important civil rights achievements in decades. Cedillo will run for the First Council District.

"Growing up here, I learned from a very early age that Los Angeles was a city of opportunities for anyone who had a dream of living a better life for themselves and their family," said Cedillo. "Today, I am announcing my candidacy for City Council District 1 because we need bold and experienced leadership to strengthen and protect the Los Angeles Dream. I have been honored to represent portions of Los Angeles in the California State Assembly and State Senate over the past fourteen years and I look forward to going to City Hall, where I will continue to fight for jobs, affordable housing, and public safety.

"Gil began his crusade for change and social justice over three decades ago as a young student leader right here in Los Angeles," said El Centro del Pueblo* Executive Director Sandra Figueroa. "Since those early days, Gil has remained one of the most effective and passionate progressive advocates in Los Angeles. Now is exactly the time to bring Gil Cedillo's determined and forceful leadership to City Hall on behalf of the diverse neighborhoods that comprise City Council District 1."

"Los Angeles needs Councilmembers who are both deeply rooted in their districts and have the guts and determination to get things done," said Dr. Vince Carbino. "Gil has written laws that created local jobs, toughened penalties against gang members, and protected the right of workers to organize. He is an effective leader that has delivered results for families in the 1st Council District."

Gil Cedillo has championed the issues of the working families and the immigrant community throughout his adult life. Cedillo was first elected to the State Assembly In 1998 and he was subsequently elected to the California State Senate in 2002. In November 2010 Cedillo was elected to complete his final Assembly term. His commitment to working families grew out of his life experience and his fourteen years of training and leadership in the labor movement where he served as General Manager of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 660, from 1991 to 1996, Los Angeles County's largest union representing nearly 40,000 workers.

Cedillo will run in the 1st Council District, which currently includes the neighborhoods of Glassell Park, Cypress Park, Highland Park, Mt. Washington, Solano Canyon, Elysian Park, Echo Park, Westlake, Angelino Heights, Temple Beaudry, Lafayette Park, Chinatown, Forgotten Edge, Lincoln Heights, Montecito Heights, Pico Union, Adams-Normandie, Mid Cities and Mac Arthur Park.

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