



YOLIE FLORES ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR CONGRESS

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Los Angeles, CA – Former Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member and education policy leader Yolie Flores announced her candidacy for California’s 34th Congressional District today. The Special Election to succeed Congressman Xavier Becerra is not yet scheduled, but is expected to occur in the Spring of 2017.

In announcing her campaign, Flores released the following statement:

For over 30 years I have dedicated my personal and professional life to advancing the idea that ALL children should have the right and the opportunity to pursue their highest aspirations, that parents and grandparents should have the supports and resources to meet their families’ obligations, and that communities should be anchors of support for children and families. I have fought for equity for immigrants and people of color, quality early learning and K-12 education, opportunities for women and girls, marriage equality, and I have been a strong supporter of health care for all. Today, everything we believe in and have ever fought for is in jeopardy. This is why I am running for Congress.

At my core, I am a fighter for working people and an advocate for kids and families. My experience as a member of the LAUSD Board of Education, CEO of the LA County Children’s Planning Council, my roles in city government and philanthropy, my work at the local and national level, and my background as a social worker have given me the experience to fight at every level for education, family supports, health care, housing, immigration and jobs.

The 34th Congressional District needs a fearless leader in our nation’s capital to protect and advance the collective progress that we have made over the last 50 years. We need a leader that reflects the courage, resiliency and ingenuity of the people of the 34th Congressional District who will unwaveringly deliver the message that our country cannot, WILL NOT, turn back.

I stand ready to represent our district and to fight to protect America’s sacred freedoms and ensure its future is one where every child, every family, and every person lives to fulfill their American dream.

Yolie Flores is an advocate for children and families, education policy leader, former School Board Member, social worker, and longtime resident of California’s 34th Congressional District.

Yolie currently serves as Chief Program Officer for the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, and on the Boards of Coro Southern California, the Education Trust, and the Center for the Study of Social Policy. From 2010 to 2012, she served as President & CEO of Communities for Teaching Excellence, a national education advocacy non-profit. Yolie was elected to the LAUSD Board of Education in 2007 and served 3 years as Vice President of the Board. During her tenure, she ushered groundbreaking reform policies to empower parents, improve student performance, and expand early childhood and bilingual education. Prior to LAUSD, Yolie served for 8 years as the CEO of the Los Angeles County Children’s Planning Council.

Yolie earned her master’s in Social Welfare from the University of California, Los Angeles and has twice been named social worker of the year in her region. ###

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