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TEXAS LATINA LIST ENDORSES FOURTEEN PROGRESSIVE LATINAS FOR LOCAL LEVEL OFFICES

**April 27, 2017 Fort Worth, Texas** – *Texas Latina List*, a state-wide political action committee (PAC) founded in 2013, recently endorsed fourteen (14) Latina candidates for local races throughout the state. “The proud mission of our political action committee promotes the representation of progressive, pro-choice Latinas at all levels or elected and appointed office, including public boards and commissions. Additionally, we encourage participation in all realms of the political process for the enhancement of public policies that empower our families and our communities.” said Emma Preciado, President of *Texas Latina List*. Ms. Preciado added, “Since the presidential election, there has been a significant increase in the number of women of all races and ethnicities seeking representation for their communities in our nation. *Texas Latina List* simply seeks to increase the representation of progressive Latinas at all decisive, political levels.”

Dallas Morning News columnist, Mercedes Olivera reported on April 21, 2017, that “Data compiled by the National Association of Latino elected and Appointed Officials shows that the number of Latinas serving in local offices (county, municipal, school board, special district, judicial and law enforcement) increased from 1,776 to 2,092 between 2010 and 2016---an 18 percent increase, according to Rosalind Gold, the group’s senior director for policy, research, and advocacy.” Ms. Olivera also wrote that this should come as no surprise since “Hispanics now represent 44 percent of the state’s population and are the largest ethnic group in the state.”

Listed in alphabetical order, the fourteen endorsees are:

* **Emma Acosta** for Mayor of El Paso
* **Monica R. Alonzo** for Dallas City Council, District 6 (Re-election)
* **Melissa Cabello-Havrda** for San Antonio City Council, District 6
* **Jessica Camacho** for Mansfield ISD School Board, Place 6
* **Pilar Candia** for Fort Worth ISD School Board, District 9
* **Gloria Carrillo** for Grand Prairie ISD School Board, Place 3, At-Large
* **Elvia Espino** for Mayor of Irving
* **Cassandra Hernandez-Brown** for El Paso City Council, District 3
* **Leila Melendez** for Ysleta ISD School Board, District 5
* **Monica Flores-Richart** for Houston ISD School Board, District 1
* **Frances Rizo** for Duncanville City Council, District 5
* **Dominique Torres** for Dallas City Council, District 5
* **Jennifer Treviño** for Fort Worth City Council, District 2
* **Candace Valenzuela** for Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD School Board, At-Large

Saturday, May 6, 2017, is Election Day; however, registered voters are urged to cast their ballot during the *Early Voting In-Person* period, April 24-May 2, 2017. Contact your County Elections officefor voting locations and other details. For *In-Person* voting during Early Period, you may vote at any listed ballot location.

For more information about *Texas Latina List*, go to [www.texaslatinalist.org](http://www.texaslatinalist.org)**,** or follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and also “Like” us on Facebook. Email to info@texaslatinalist.org or send U.S. mail to: P.O. Box 64025 Fort Worth, TX, 76164.