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Central Falls Mayor James Diosa endorses Maria Rivera as next Mayor

CENTRAL FALLS, RI – Today Central Falls mayoral candidate and City Council President Maria Rivera welcomed the campaign endorsement of Mayor James A. Diosa.

“While my term is nearing its end, progress in Central Falls needs to continue. That’s why I am proud to announce my endorsement of Council President Maria Rivera for Mayor,” said Mayor Diosa. “I have worked with Maria in my capacity as Mayor for four years, and she has proven to be an incredible partner who shares the same love for our amazing city. Maria is thoughtful and compassionate – she listens and takes action. She knows how to get things done, and I know that she will continue to improve our city with ideas and vision. Early on in my mayoral term, I spoke of shattering another glass ceiling in Central Falls by electing a woman, and I think Central Falls has found its next mayor in Maria Rivera.”

Maria is currently the first female and Latinx Central Falls City Council President, earning the position in just her second term as a council member. She was the top vote-getter in the 2018 election of all Council candidates. She has worked closely with Mayor Diosa to bring important fiscal responsibility measures to Central Falls, like a revamped rainy-day fund and capital improvement fund, and important new economic opportunities, like the Conant Thread Train Station District and the first Affordable Housing Fund to build new homeownership and rental opportunities.



“Central Falls needs to keep moving forward with a focus on fiscal responsibility, jobs and the economy, stronger schools and a better quality of life,” said Maria. With Mayor Diosa’s endorsement and trust in my leadership, I pledge to be a strong voice to fight to rebuild our middle class,” “I’ve lived in Central Falls for more than 25 years – this is my home – and I will do everything I can to represent the true needs and voices of our families and small businesses.”

During her time as Council President, Maria has worked hard to make Central Falls a better home for families and the city’s most vulnerable residents. Maria has improved education and youth opportunities by introducing new after school programs, expanded Central Falls Library programming, and advocated for increased education funding for city schools. Maria has taken important steps to address safety and resident concerns by launching new Council Open Office Hours, Community Policing between the community and police, cracking down on unsafe vacant and abandoned properties, and passing a city law requiring the upkeep of city roads when utilities cut them up.

“Everywhere you look in Central Falls, you can see the progress that we have made under Mayor Diosa,” said Maria. “From the repaving of Dexter Street to the new business storefronts like La Lupita to the newly built Governor Almond Park, to the new Rhode Island College Hub to our new Conant Thread train station district to events like the Car Show, to new trees, a new community garden and new affordable housing, to our new Neighborhood Health Station. I, and our City, cannot thank Mayor Diosa enough for his bold leadership.”

Maria is currently a Senior Eligibility Technician at the Department of Human Services. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island Latina Leadership Institute and has served on The Learning Community Charter School board of directors, the Central Falls Board of Canvassers, and the Central Falls Planning Board. Maria currently serves on the board of Nowell Leadership Academy for parenting and pregnant teens and the Central Falls Nuisance Task Force. She earned her BA in Public Administration from Roger Williams University and is a 1995 graduate of Central Falls High School. Maria lives in Central Falls with her two children.

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