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## **Lt. Governor McKee, Sec. of State Gorbea, and Central Falls Democrats endorse Maria Rivera for Mayor**

CENTRAL FALLS, RI – Today Central Falls mayoral candidate and City Council President Maria Rivera welcomed the campaign endorsements of Lieutenant Governor Dan McKee, Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea, and the Central Falls Democratic Committee.

“With the support of these important state and city leaders, I feel confident knowing that my work, what I stand for, and what I plan to fight for is being recognized throughout and beyond the City of Central Falls,” said Maria. “This campaign has incredible momentum, and I’m looking forward to using this energy to keep the city’s progress moving forward. I am grateful for the support of Lt. Governor McKee, Secretary of State Gorbea, and our Central Falls Democratic Committee.”

The top-vote getter in the 2018 election of all Central Falls City Council Candidates, Maria is currently the first female and Latinx Central Falls City Council President, a position she earned in just her second term as a council member.

“I am pleased to be able to endorse Maria Rivera as the next Mayor of Central Falls. Maria has proven to be a passionate advocate for the people of Central Falls. She has demonstrated great leadership as City Council President and has earned the respect of local and state leaders throughout Rhode Island. Maria is a compassionate leader who has the ability to bring people together to get things done. As mayor she will keep Central Falls moving in a positive direction. I am happy to be able to support City Council President Rivera and encourage the people of Central Falls to elect her as your next Mayor in 2020.”

– **Lt. Governor Dan McKee**

“I am supporting President Maria Rivera in her run for Mayor of Central Falls because she is genuine in her commitment to the residents of Central Falls, she has a track record that proves it and she will make government work for people.”

– **Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea**

“The Central Falls Democratic Committee endorsed Maria Rivera for Mayor because of her commitment to moving our city forward,” said chairman and city councilman Agostinho Silva. “Maria will work hard for our community for jobs and the economy, for education, for housing and for health care. Our city will be cleaner, greener and safer with Maria as Mayor.”

– **Chairman and City Councilman Agostinho Silva**



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, working closely with the police department to build a safer social environment through the introduction of Community Policing, cracking down on unsafe vacant and abandoned properties, and passing a city law requiring the upkeep of city roads when utilities cut them up.

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.

Maria Rivera for Mayor has been previously endorsed by:

- Attorney General Peter F. Neronha
- Current Central Falls Mayor James Diossa
- Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D-Dist. 56, Central Falls)
- Councilman Jonathon Acosta (Ward 1, Central Falls)
- Councilman Hugo Figueroa (Ward 3, Central Falls)
- Councilman Franklin Solano (Ward 4, Central Falls)
- Councilwoman Jessica Vega (Ward 5, Central Falls)

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