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Commissioner Michelle Rodriguez – who raised more than \$114,000 in December – announces her candidacy for 53rd State Assembly seat

She earns endorsements from 25 current and former legislators as she launches campaign for seat currently represented by Freddie Rodriguez

(Pomona, California) – Michelle Rodriguez, a member of the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST), announced today that she raised \$114,000 in the twenty-two days before the new year for her campaign to succeed her husband, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez in the newly-drawn 53rd District. The election is on March 5, 2024.

“I’m excited that my campaign started so strongly – and I’m especially proud to have earned the support of so many leaders who fight for the people they represent,” Rodriguez said. “Like Freddie, they are excellent role models. And I too will put my real life experiences as a community activist, mother and grandmother, and my professional experience in health care, education, and public service, to work as a member of the State Assembly.”

Michelle Rodriguez begins her campaign with the support of the following partial list of elected and community leaders:

Speaker Anthony Rendon
Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez
Assemblymember Robert Rivas
Assemblymember James Ramos
Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo
Assemblymember Jim Wood
Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
Assemblymember Evan Low
Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Assemblymember Juan Carrillo
Assemblymember Sharon Quick-Silva
Assemblymember Avelino Valencia
Assemblymember Mike Fong
Assemblymember Tina McKinnor
Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia
Assemblymember Tim Grayson
Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
Senator Melissa Hurtado
Senator Monique Limón
Sheriff Jim Cooper
Assemblymember Tom Daly (ret.)
Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (ret.)
Assemblymember Adam Gray (ret.)
Assemblymember Jose Medina (ret.)
Assemblymember Rudy Salas (ret.)
Senator Ben Hueso (ret.)

Ruben Valencia, Ontario City Councilmember
Tony & Maria Hernandez
Carolyn Hemming Small Business Leader
Nona Tirre, CARRP Commissioner
Jason Tirre
Larry Egan
Andy Luu, law enforcement leader
Jennifer Artiaga
Debra Martin, Former Pomona Councilmember
Eddie Lozano, Retired Firefighter
Ruby Lozano
Danny Kono, law enforcement leader
Steven Aleman, law enforcement leader
Jose Pena, law enforcement leader
Briana Lopez
Bob & Carolyn Lopez
Itzel Bahena
Daisy Campos
Ashley Campos
John Forbing

(partial list)

As a Commissioner on POST, Michelle Rodriguez and her fellow Commissioners set training standards for California law enforcement officers, and foster professionalism in agencies and officers. Michelle, the mother of a deputy sheriff, was born and raised in Ontario, California, and is a lifelong resident of what is now the 53rd Assembly District. Together with her husband Freddie, they raised four children (Desirae, Freddie, Jr., Vincent, and Selena) in Pomona and have three grandchildren.

Michelle worked for Inter Valley Health Plan, a not-for-profit Medicare Advantage Organization and ProMed Healthcare Administrators administering managed care services. She graduated from Northwest College with a Medical Assistant Certification.

Michelle has a life-long commitment to public safety and education, and earned a Certificate in Campus Security from Pomona Unified School District. She worked as a security professional for Chaffey Unified School District. She has also held positions at San Dimas High School, Valley View High School, and Bonita Unified School District. Michelle has also served as Athletic Director for the Junior All-American Football League Team, the Pomona Steelers.

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