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Annie's List endorses in six primary races for the Texas House and Senate

Flipping seats and protecting last cycle's gains are top priorities

(AUSTIN, TX) - Annie's List, the statewide political organization that works to elect pro-choice, progressive women to office in Texas, is proud to announce six new endorsements in advance of the March 3 primary election.

Texas House endorsements include:

- Akilah Bacý for Texas House District 138
- Elizabeth Beck for Texas House District 97
- Rocio Gosewehr Hernandez for Texas House District 67
- Natali Hurtado for Texas House District 126

Texas Senate endorsements include:

- Sara Stapleton Barrera for Texas Senate District 27
- Xochil Peña Rodriguez for Texas Senate District 19

All but Hurtado are first-time candidates, and they each face at least one primary opponent that is male. Hurtado successfully defeated her primary opponent in 2018 by a landslide, and she went on to gain over a thousand more votes in the general election than the party's nominee in 2016. Barrera is challenging long-time Democratic Senator Eddie Lucio, who has a well-documented history of supporting anti-abortion and anti-LGBTQ policies.

"Each candidate brings new perspectives to the table," said Royce Brooks, Annie's List Executive Director. "They are mothers, veterans, lawyers, deeply involved in their communities, and well-equipped to represent the districts in which they live. We're looking forward to helping them be successful in both the March primary and in November."

Earlier this week, Annie's List also re-endorsed over 20 legislative incumbents. Those with primaries include: Rep. Dr. Alma Allen, Rep. Michelle Beckley, Rep. Lorraine Birabil, Rep. Shawn Thierry, Rep. Senfronia Thompson, and Rep. Erin Zwiener. The re-election of current Annie's List Legislative Champions is crucial to creating a more inclusive, equitable Texas.

“This is only the beginning of our endorsement announcements in the lead up to November,” said Monica Gomez, Political Director of Annie's List. “Electing these six candidates and protecting Democratic seats gained last cycle are among our top priorities.”



Annie's List has trained thousands of pro-choice, progressive women to run for office and won more than 130 races across the state - making it one of the most successful political organizations in Texas. Since its founding in 2003, Annie's List has raised more than \$19 million to help progressive women run efficient and effective campaigns. Last cycle, 85% of the women who ran for the Texas state legislature were Annie's List trainees and a record breaking number of Democratic women were elected to the Texas House.

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