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ANNIE'S LIST ENDORSES CELIA ISRAEL FOR AUSTIN MAYORAL RACE

THE ORGANIZATION WILL RECENTER EFFORTS TO BUILD WOMEN'S POLITICAL POWER ON THE MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL LEVELS IN 2023 AND BEYOND

Austin, TX: Today, Annie's List PAC, a statewide political organization that supports pro-choice, progressive women in Texas, announced the endorsement of Celia Israel for Mayor of Austin.

Israel has shown consistent momentum throughout her campaign, was the top vote getter in the General Election last month, and would make history if elected on December 13th as the City of Austin's first Latina and first LGBTQIA+ Mayor.

Founded in 2003, Annie's List has a proven record of recruiting, training, and electing pro-choice Texas women running for political office, and has had some prior involvement in mayoral, city council, and school board races. As the organization heads into its 20th anniversary year, it is re-envisioning its potential and reach – beginning with plans to shift into the 2023-2024 election cycle with a more focused eye on hyperlocal races in cities across the state.

Annie's List released the following statement on behalf of Executive Director, Ana Ramón:

"As State Representative, Celia Israel has been a committed Annie's List Legislative Champion. She has helped carry the torch in the Texas House on several efforts in support of our progressive values, in particular – fighting for the safety and well-being of Texas children, expanding and protecting our voting rights, and making sure all Texans have the opportunity to thrive.

"Annie's List is no stranger to getting involved in local, non-partisan races with strong women candidates. But as our rights and freedoms are under attack in Texas at all levels of government, we are working diligently to help build opportunities for more progressive women to represent Texans on the municipal and school board levels.

"Supporting Celia Israel for Mayor of Austin clearly illustrates Annie's List's vision for what local leadership can and should look like in our communities."

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Annie's List has won more than 160 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 \$20 million to help progressive women run efficient and effective campaigns.