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ANNIE'S LIST ANNOUNCES NEW ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

AUSTIN, TX - Annie's List, a Political Action Committee which works to elect Democratic women in Texas that support abortion rights, and the Annie's List Training & Engagement Fund, a 501 (c)(4) advocacy organization working to build women's political power across the state, announced new board and staff leadership today.

Celina Montoya, of San Antonio, serves as the new Chair of the Annie's List PAC Board of Directors. Montoya has extensive board and nonprofit leadership expertise, was twice nominated as the Democratic nominee for Texas House District 121, and is an experienced fundraiser. She also serves as a mentor for the Campaign School at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and is a graduate of the Campaign School at Yale.

Danielle Skidmore, of Austin, serves as the new Vice-Chair of the Annie's List PAC Board of Directors. Skidmore is a former

candidate for Austin City Council, an engineer, and community leader. As a special needs parent and transgender woman, Skidmore has led advocacy efforts for disability and LGBTQIA+ rights in Texas. Her outstanding activism has received recognition by several progressive groups and media outlets.

Cristina Ayala Gomez, of the Rio Grande Valley, re-joins Annie's List PAC as Deputy Director. Ayala Gomez most recently served as Finance Director for Rochelle Garza for Texas. Ayala Gomez is a fundraising and management expert, having raised more than \$575M for progressive causes in Texas and around the globe. She has also previously served as Development Director of Annie's List and Finance Director of the Texas Democratic Party.

Isabel Longoria, of Houston, joins the Annie's List Training & Engagement Fund as its Deputy Director. Longoria has dedicated her life to public service in Texas, serving as the former Elections Administrator of Harris County and as staff on political campaigns and in our state legislature. As a former candidate for Houston City Council, Longoria also has first-hand experience running for local office in Texas.

Statement from Executive Director, Ana Ramón:

"Annie's List is thrilled to share the news of our growing team. I have so much faith in the direction our organization is headed and am eager to have these women alongside me and at the forefront of our work together.

For *twenty years*, Annie's List has been fighting to change the face of power in Texas.

We have a proven track record of success even in one of the toughest political environments in the country. We are passionate and determined to keep up our fight. And through continued listening and learning, we are committed to building women's political power across Texas in exciting and innovative ways."

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Annie's List PAC 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. 2023 marks the organization's twentieth anniversary.

The Training and Engagement Fund is the 501(c)(4) advocacy arm of Annie's List. It is dedicated to advancing the participation of women in the political process in Texas.