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### **State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez Endorses Congresswoman Grace Napolitano**

**EL MONTE, CA** – Today, State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez officially endorsed Congresswoman Grace Napolitano in her 2016 re-election bid. Senator Hernandez represents the 22<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, which encompasses many of the same communities Congresswoman Napolitano represents in the 32<sup>nd</sup> congressional district.

“A campaign is nothing without the support of those you hope to represent,” said Congresswoman Napolitano. “Senator Hernandez is a staple of our San Gabriel Community, and I deeply appreciate his endorsement. His advocacy on health policy is unparalleled in the California State Senate, and I admire his commitment to ensuring that quality health care is a right, not a privilege, for all of our constituents.”

Senator Hernandez is a prominent advocate for the health and wellbeing of the San Gabriel Valley. As a health care provider in predominantly low-income communities, the need to improve access to health care is what drove Senator Hernandez to run for office.

“Congresswoman Napolitano has been an exceptional ally to the health community. Her steadfast leadership on mental health policy, including the founding of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus and her pilot program that served as the basis for the Mental Health in Schools Act, has made it easier for Americans to get access to the services they need to lead healthier lives,” said Senator Hernandez. “Congresswoman Napolitano has proved time and time again that she is the kind of legislator who gets stuff done. I am proud to endorse her for Congress, and I look forward to her continued leadership in the San Gabriel Valley.”

Congresswoman Grace Flores Napolitano is a powerful advocate for Southern California on questions of water resources and power generation, and dedicates considerable energy to mental health issues. The daughter of a Mexican immigrant who raised two children on a shoestring budget, Napolitano married at 18 and had five children by 23. She launched her first political campaign for city council where she served for six years, two of them as mayor, before moving up to the California Legislature. Congresswoman Napolitano is currently serving her ninth term representing California’s 32nd District, where she is the founder and Chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus and the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

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