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Hundreds Attend Chu For Congress HQ Grand Opening *Hilda Solis Family Members, Local Electeds Show Up in Support*

More than 500 supporters turned out for a raucous celebration Saturday at the official grand opening of Dr. Judy Chu's Congressional Campaign Headquarters in Baldwin Park.

Among the hundreds of volunteers, public officials and community leaders in attendance was Irma Rincon, sister of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, who formerly held the 32nd Congressional District seat for which Dr. Chu is running.

"I am here to say that my whole family supports Judy Chu," said Rincon amid cheers and raucous applause from the diverse and energetic crowd that turned out at the event, held at the new campaign headquarters at 4154 Maine Ave. in Baldwin Park. "My sister has now put down the baton, but I am proud to pass it on to Judy Chu!"

Rincon joined a bi-partisan and multi-ethnic coalition of San Gabriel Valley leaders who have already endorsed Dr. Chu and who were also present at the kickoff, including State Controller John Chiang, Assemblyman Ed Hernandez, D-West Covina, Assemblyman Mike Eng, D-El Monte, and city council, school board members, business and labor leaders from all the cities in the 32nd District and beyond.

"We need a politician in Washington who sees the San Gabriel Valley as more than just a place you pass through on your way to Las Vegas," said Azusa City Councilman Angel Carrillo, just one of many council members from Baldwin Park, El Monte, Duarte, Rosemead and Monterey Park who took the stage at Chu for Congress Headquarters to rally supporters and volunteers. They all stressed Judy's long and effective record as a legislative leader on issues ranging from the economy to education and the environment, as well as her unique knowledge of the needs of the San Gabriel Valley, as the reasons why Dr. Chu is the best candidate to represent the 32nd District in Washington.

"I am humbled and honored by the support of everyone here today," said Dr. Chu, who has been elected to public office nine times in the past 23 years by residents of the 32nd District. "I am proud to have the endorsement of over 75 local elected officials from the San Gabriel Valley, and I pledge to continue the legacy of our new Labor Secretary Hilda Solis by continuing to fight for the issues that are important to San Gabriel Valley residents in Washington."

Following the grand opening ceremony, scores of volunteers manned phone banks and fanned out across Baldwin Park and surrounding communities, urging residents to get out and vote during the special election on May 19 that will determine the next representative of the 32nd District.

*Attached is a list of those elected officials in attendance at Saturday's event.
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