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Chu endorsement tally

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Board of Equalization Chairwoman Judy Chu seems to be swiping up the endorsements as she campaigns for the Congressional seat being vacated by Rep. Hilda Solis.

The press release below notes that **Assemblyman Mike Eng** -- Chu's husband -- is endorsing her. The press release also points out that she received support from council members -- "*many of them Latino*" -- in the SGV. Could that be a jab at **Sen. Gil Cedillo**, who is also vying for the seat?

I got this press release earlier today:

*****PRESS RELEASE*** Dr. Judy Chu Announces Slew of Local Endorsements** *Overwhelming Support Adds Momentum to Congressional Campaign*

Dr. Judy Chu, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization and candidate for the 32nd Congressional District Seat being vacated by Labor Secretary Designate Hilda Solis, announced today her endorsement by nearly 70 elected officials representing the cities, school districts and water boards of the 32nd District.

"I want to thank these local officials for their overwhelming support," said **Judy Chu**. "They understand that there is no other candidate in this race that knows the people of the 32nd Congressional District better than I do. I am part and parcel of this district, having taught students at East Los Angeles College for 13 years, and the people of the district have trusted me to be their leader by electing me as their representative 9 times over the past 23 years."

So far, Judy has been officially endorsed by the **entire City Councils of El Monte and West Covina**, the two largest cities in the district, as well as **all five members of the South El Monte City Council**. In addition, she has secured the support of a majority of Council members - **many of them**

Latino - from most of the **15 cities in the 32nd** District, including Azusa, Baldwin Park, Duarte, Monterey Park and Rosemead.

"Dr. Chu's support among the vast majority of the 32nd District's Latino elected officials reflects her reputation as an effective coalition builder, and shows that she understands the issues that matter most to the district's ethnically diverse community," said **Assemblymember Ed Hernandez**, D-West Covina, who has endorsed Judy. "I believe she is the best person to represent the San Gabriel Valley in Washington."

Judy's avalanche of support from the cities of the 32nd District adds to the considerable momentum her campaign has gained since she first declared her intention to run for the seat on Dec. 22. In addition to Assemblymember Hernandez, Judy has been endorsed by Assemblymen Kevin De Leon and Mike Eng, who along with Hernandez represent most of the district's residents at the state level, as well as nearly 30 of the area's school board and water board members.