

## Leftovers from City Hall: Race for Solis' seat starts to take form

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The race to fill Rep. Hilda Solis' seat is setting up nicely. Solis was appointed Labor Secretary on Friday by President-elect Barack Obama. As a result, there has been much talk as to who will fill her seat in Congress.

The top contenders were Sen. Gloria Romero and Board of Equalization Chairwoman Judy Chu - that is until Romero dropped out of the running late last week. Now, San Gabriel Valley politicians won't have to split hairs over who they will endorse - they can back Chu as she seeks Solis' spot, and can support Romero when she runs for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

That's not to say, of course, that all local politicians will be supporting Chu. Romero threw her endorsement to state Sen. Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles. Other contenders include Emanuel Pleitez, a relatively-unknown 26-year-old financial analyst from El Sereno.....

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