

The Hollywood Chapter of the
National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW)
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**“Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra (D-Los Angeles) and
Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) should resign immediately.”**

Statement of Hollywood NOW President John Erickson

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HOLLYWOOD, CA – The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW) calls for the immediate resignations of Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra (D-Los Angeles) and Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) amid newly reported and ongoing accusations of sexual harassment. As proud supporters of the #MeToo campaign, the Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW) denounces all sexual misconduct. The cases against Harvey Weinstein were only the tipping point and we must stand up, believe women and men, and no longer be silent.

We stand with survivors and victims of sexual harassment. This behavior creates a hostile work environment for women and men. While the removal of Assemblymember Bocanegra and Senator Mendoza from their leadership and committee positions in the State Assembly and Senate are a start, they do not go far enough. Sexual harassment and assault know no political affiliation. If we cannot hold all elected officials accountable for their actions, then we are no better than apologists and perpetrators of rape culture.

As part of our mission, Hollywood NOW is dedicated to creating a more diverse and equitable environment for women and men from all walks of life, and this includes being free from any form of harassment and assault. Hollywood NOW stands with all victims of sexual harassment and violence and calls on other progressive organizations to join us and call for the immediate resignations of Assemblymember Bocanegra and Senator Tony Mendoza.

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The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) addresses today's pressing issues facing women and girls in Hollywood and West Hollywood.

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