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### STATEMENT FROM MARINE CORPS VETERAN AND FORMER DEMOCRATIC TX-35 CANDIDATE JOHN LIRA ON RESCINDING HIS ENDORSEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF CANDIDATE MAUREEN GALINDO

**San Antonio, TX** - Following the March 2, Congressional Democratic Primary in TX-35, I endorsed Maureen Galindo based on the candidate and campaign I believed I had come to know during the course of the race. However, over the course of the runoff, I have become increasingly troubled by a series of derogatory, inflammatory, and conspiratorial statements directed toward Jewish people and others. Galindo's comments and posture toward the Jewish community described in Michelle Goldberg's column in the New York Times on May 11, do not reflect my values, and there is no place for that kind of rhetoric from individuals seeking public office or positions of leadership.

As a result, I am rescinding my endorsement and will remain neutral in this runoff election. I stand by the comments I made in Goldberg's column: "People are not demanding moderation. They're demanding immediate change" and I encourage voters in TX-35 to do their own research and make the decision they believe best reflects their values and the future they want for the district. I remain committed to fighting for a Democratic victory in TX-35 in November. Early voting begins Monday, May 18, and Election Day is Tuesday, May 26.

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