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**Regina Romero Announces Her Candidacy for Tucson City Council Ward 1**  
*Democrat Regina Romero seeks to be first Latina elected to the City Council  
and first woman representing Ward 1*

TUCSON, AZ - Today, on International Women's Day, Regina Romero announces her candidacy for Tucson City Council in Ward 1. She would be the first woman to serve in Ward 1 and the first Latina elected to the City Council. She files paperwork at 2 p.m. at the City Clerk's office.

"Healthy families and safe, walkable neighborhoods are my passion," says Romero, a community advocate. "Tucson has always been a place where we celebrate people and cultures. I want to bring that voice to City Hall."

Her candidacy is endorsed by many neighborhood and community leaders throughout the city, including Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva, Rep. Olivia Cajero-Bedford, Rep. Steve Farley, Pima County Board of Supervisors Chairman Richard Elías, Supervisor Sharon Bronson, City Council Member Karin Uhlich and Tucson Unified School District Board Member Adelita Grijalva.

**A History of Hard Work for Families and Neighborhoods**

A southern Arizona native raised in a farmworker family in Somerton, Romero learned early the importance of engaging in the democratic process from her father, who was active in the United Farm Worker's movement. The youngest of six siblings, she was the first to attend college, graduating from the University of Arizona with a B.S. in Communication in 2000.

Romero's experience includes working as the Pima County Youth Internship Coordinator, serving 450 youths each year from 1996 to 2000. She advised the Board of Supervisors and coordinated these programs with school districts, Pima Community College and private agencies.

From 2000 to 2005 Romero served as Pima County Program Coordinator for Neighborhood Reinvestment, working with over 20 neighborhoods and city and county staff to develop and implement projects totaling more than \$3.5 million. Her efforts resulted in sidewalks, pedestrian walkways and safer streets to make Tucson a more livable community.

Most recently, Romero worked on community development issues as an aide to Tucson Council Member Karin Uhlich.

Romero co-founded the César Chávez Holiday Coalition and Las Adelitas, a grassroots organization united to improve the quality of life for Latinas and their families through political empowerment. She is a member of the board of directors of the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault. She was nominated for the YWCA Women on the Move Award in 2004.

On the City Council, Romero will reinvest in Tucson neighborhoods, fight for 21st century jobs and help create a diverse, vibrant downtown for all of us. She is married to Ruben Reyes and has one son, Emiliano.

*Paid for by Vote Regina Romero*

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