

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE 1 Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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## To The National Federations of World Triathlon

## Dear President,

We are writing to express our strong support for Gabriela Gallegos, candidate for the Vice President position of World Triathlon. Gabriela is a dedicated and visionary leader whose commitment to growth and development of Triathlon is truly commendable.

Bilingual in English and Spanish, Gabriela embodies a collaborative spirit rooted in clear communication and integrity. Her extensive experience—spanning 15 years as a triathlon entrepreneur, race director, and as a member of both USA Triathlon and the World Triathlon Executive Board—equips her with the strategic skills essential for driving positive change on a global scale.

In her current roles, Gabriela has demonstrated exceptional leadership. She has chaired the Safeguarding Policy Working Group and served multiple committees, drawing on her legal background and mediation experience. Her dedication to development and engaging smaller federations also shows her keen understanding of Triathlon's complexities and opportunities.

As we look ahead to the LA 2028 Olympic Games, the importance of effective leadership within our sports organizations becomes even more relevant. The Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games will not only elevate the global profile of Triathlon but also present unprecedented opportunities to inspire and engage new athletes from diverse backgrounds. Gabriela's vision and experience will be crucial in harnessing the excitement of the Olympics to foster development and growth within the sport.

Gabriela's proven track record of listening, collaboration, and problem-solving highlights her capability to lead effectively in the dynamic environment of World Triathlon. Gabriela's passion for Triathlon will undoubtedly empower athletes and federations at every level.

We wholeheartedly endorse Gabriela Gallegos for the Vice President position of World Triathlon and strongly believe she will be an invaluable asset in advancing the sport globally.

Sincerely,

Jene Afrece

Gene Sykes President

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Sarah Hirshland Secretary General