

# Incoming Democrat To Be Sworn In On Rare Superman Comic Book

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Incoming California Democratic Representative-elect Robert Garcia says he will be sworn in “on the U.S. Constitution” — along with a rare Superman comic book underneath.

Garcia’s choice of the 1939 first edition comes from being a longtime fan of comics, specifically of the Man of Steel.

“Will be proudly sworn-in to Congress on the US Constitution. Underneath the Constitution will be three items that mean a lot to me personally. A photo of my parents who I lost to Covid, my citizenship certificate, and an original Superman #1 from the Library Of Congress,” Garcia tweeted on Tuesday.

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— Robert Garcia (@RobertGarcia) [January 3, 2023](#)

The first edition Superman comic is reportedly on loan from the Library of Congress. The library allows lawmakers to use historical works during swearing-in ceremonies.

Garcia, who is openly gay and the son of immigrants from Peru, has said he related to Superman as a child and has been a fan ever since. He praised DC Comics in 2021 when it announced an iteration of the superhero was bisexual.

“An immigrant, a sense of justice, and a secret identity. His son, Jon Kent is coming out in the comics. I’m proud of @DCComics & @TomTaylorMade for giving young LGBTQ+ people a hero of their own,” he tweeted.

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— Robert Garcia (@RobertGarcia) [October 12, 2021](#)

Garcia also expressed his excitement over comic books in a November post when he first visited the Congressional members reading room at the Library of Congress.

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Library of Congress. I can pull any comic book from what is the largest public comic collection in the country and read them here. Let's go!" he tweeted.

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— Robert Garcia (@RobertGarcia) [November 14, 2022](#)

Garcia said he would also have a picture of his parents beneath the Constitution for his swearing-in. His mother and stepfather both died from COVID in 2020.

"She immigrated from Peru to the United States in search of the American Dream — and she found it," Garcia [said](#) following his mother's death. "She loved to help people and lived a happy and joyous life. She will always be our guiding light and the center of our lives."

The congressman-elect also revealed during an interview with Long Beach Press-Telegram that his comic book interest was shared with his mother.

"She was a little bit of a nerd, like me," Garcia [said](#). "She loved going to Comic-Con. She liked reading books about vampires and monsters. And she loved going to movies. We went to a lot of movies and especially liked scary ones."

Garcia moved to California with his family from Peru when he was five. He later became a U.S. citizen before becoming the mayor of Long Beach.

Members of Congress are traditionally sworn in on a Bible. However, there is no requirement to do so. Garcia will be the first congressman to include a comic book in his ceremony.