**APPENDIX**

Table 4. Former First Ladies and Latin American Elections, 1999–2016

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| Country | Name | Electoral Experience  (post, term) | First Lady  Years | Candidacy (office, year) | Won | Term |
| Argentina | Hilda “Chiche” González | Deputy, 1997–2003 | 2002–2003 | Deputy, 2003 | Yes | 2003–2005 |
| Senator, 2005 | Yes | 2005–2011 |
| Cristina Fernández | Subnational Deputy, 1989–1995; Constitutional Assembly, 1994; Senator, 1995–1997, 2001–2005, 2005–2007; Deputy, 1997–2001 | 2003–2007 | President, 2007 | Yes | 2007–2011 |
| President, 2011 | Yes | 2011–2015 |
| Costa Rica | Gloria Bejarano Almada | None | 1990–1994 | Legislator, 2010 | Yes | 2010–2014 |
| Margarita Penón Góngora | None | 1986–1990 | Legislator, 2002 | Yes | 2002–2005 |
| Dominican Republic | Margarita Cedeño | None | 2004–2012 | Vice president, 2012 | Yes | 2012–2016 |
|  |  |  |  | Vice president, 2016 | Yes | 2016–2020 |
| Ecuador | Ximena Bohórquez | Legislator, 2003–2006 | 2003–2006 | Legislator, 2006 | Yes | 2007–2008 |
| Guatemala | Raquel Blandón | None | 1986–1991 | Vice president, 2011 | No | — |
| Patricia Escobar | None | 1996–2000 | President, 2011 | No | — |
| Sandra Torres | None | 2008–2011 | President, 2015 | No | — |
| Honduras | Xiomara Castro | None | 2006–2009 | President, 2013 | No | — |
| Nicaragua | María Dolores Alemán | None | 1997–1999 | Legislator, 2006 | Yes | 2007–2011 |
| María Fernanda Flores | None | 1999–2002 | Legislator, 2016 | Yes | 2017–2022 |
| Rosario Murillo | Legislator, 1985–1990 | 1985–1990 2007–2016 | Vice president, 2016 | Yes | 2017–2022 |
| Panama | Marta Linares | None | 2009–2013 | Vice president, 2014 | No | — |
| Paraguay | Mirta Gusinky | None | 1998–1999 | Senator, 2013 | Yes | 2013–2018 |
| Emilia Alfaro | Deputy, 2008–2013 | 2012–2013 | Senator, 2013 | Yes | 2013–2018 |
| Peru | Susana Higuchi | None | 1990–1994 | Legislator, 2000 | Yes | 2000–2001 |
| Legislator, 2001 | Yes | 2001–2006 |
| Keiko Fujimori | None | 1994–2000 | Legislator, 2006 | Yes | 2006–2011 |
| President, 2011 | No | — |
| President, 2016 | No | — |
| Uruguay | María Julia Pou | None | 1990–1995 | Senator, 1999 | Yes | 2000–2005 |
| Lucía Topolansky | Deputy, 2000–2005; Senator, 2005–2010 and 2010–2015 | 2010–2015 | Senator, 2014 | Yes | 2015–2020 |

We use the term legislator for members of Congress in a unicameral system to differentiate them with legislators from bicameral legislatures.

Source: Compiled by authors