

Dear Members of the Federated Democratic Women of Dona Ana County,

I am honored and excited to present myself as a candidate for the position of Secretary within our esteemed organization. This opportunity to serve is not just a personal endeavor but a shared journey toward a more vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking future for all of us.

As we stand at the crossroads of change, I urge you to envision a new era within our organization—one that goes beyond the confines of the past. My commitment to this cause is not merely about securing a position but about fostering an environment of unity, progress, and collective empowerment.

In recognizing the critical nature of these times, I emphasize the need for a broader quorum. Our organization, like any dynamic entity, requires fresh perspectives and a diverse membership that mirrors the complexity of the challenges we face. Voting for me is not just a choice for an individual; it is a commitment to embracing the richness that diversity brings to the table.

Let's be candid about the imperative for change. While we respect the contributions of the past, we must acknowledge that the call for change extends to a departure from traditional paradigms. A respectful transition away from the old guard is not a dismissal but an acknowledgment that our strength lies in our ability to adapt and include voices from all generations.

In this pursuit of progress, I assure you that the role of Secretary is more than a bureaucratic position—it's a linchpin for unity. We cannot afford to expend precious time on internal disputes. As women, we must cast aside blindfolds tinted with animosity and hatred, recognizing that our shared vision for a better future transcends personal grievances.

My candidacy is fortified not only by my extensive community organizing experience but also by a commitment to aligning our organization with the evolving world. Through my involvement with Dona Ana Communities United, Deconstructing Racism of New Mexico, Chicano Federation, and America Votes, NM Cafe also known as Cafe Accion during Gabe Vasquez

campagin as a quality control specialist , PFLAG and currently NM EQUALITY . I have gained insights into the changing dynamics of our democracy.

Moreover, I bring a solid educational foundation to complement my hands-on experience. I hold a degree in nursing and technical writing, a testament to my commitment to both compassionate care and effective communication. This educational background equips me with the analytical and communicative skills necessary for the role of Secretary.

The year 2024 is not merely an election year; it's a beckoning for a new era of governance. The South Valley is poised for transformation, and we cannot afford to relinquish ground. The current trajectory requires a recalibration, and it's time for us to unite, leaving behind the echoes of discord and embracing a collaborative spirit.

On January 9th, I humbly seek your support and vote. Let our collective voice resound as a testament to the Federated Democratic Women of Dona Ana County leading the charge for positive, inclusive, and enduring change.

Yours in dedication,

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