



Ms. Veronica Velez
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Ms. Velez,

First, let me commend you on becoming the Democratic nominee for Ward Three Council Member.

Though you did not go through the initial process to receive the endorsement of the Dover Democratic Committee, I am sure they were thrilled when you decided to step in for former candidate Debora Acevedo.

As you know, following the conclusion of what I believed to be an extremely flawed process, I decided to withdraw my candidacy in the Democratic Primary and continue my campaign for re-election as an Independent candidate.

That candidacy, along with yours and that of Independent candidate Jhon Londono, has now been confirmed by the Morris County Clerk.

While I have many qualifications as a public servant and a government official, none of those qualifications matter more than my commitment to our town, and my love for our people - a love you no doubt can understand as a resident of Dover for almost 30 years.

That love, for me, extends to making sure residents always know what's going on in Town and where I stand on the issues that affect all of us.

I believe that we, as candidates seeking to earn each resident's vote, owe it to them to let them know where we stand.

So I am today proposing a series of four debates featuring me, you, and Mr. Londono between now and November - one on housing, one on public safety, one on environmental issues, and one on general issues - to be moderated by a neutral third party that we all agree on.

Should this proposal not interest you, I hope you will commit, at the very least, to participating in the Candidate Forum that the League of Women Voters will likely seek to facilitate in the Fall.

I have already advised them of my willingness to participate.

Any or all of these debates can be in English, Spanish, or a combination of both.

Regardless of our political differences, I hope you will agree that we should put all of that aside and have a civil, substantive discussion for the benefit of the people we seek to serve.

I look forward to your response and can be reached via email at KarolRuiz4Dover@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Karol Ruiz
Council Member, Ward Three
Town of Dover, New Jersey

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