



LaShana BOOSE

for Monroe County Board of Elections Commissioner

Dear Fellow County Committee Members:

I am writing today to ask for your support to serve as our next Board of Elections Commissioner. I am a mother of three daughters, wife and proud resident of Monroe County. I am also a passionate Democrat who believes in our democracy and its ability to positively change our community and our nation. As your next Commissioner, I will work and fight every day to protect our sacred right to vote and ensure fairness for every candidate who chooses to run for office.

In 2019, the Board was charged by our State with implementing numerous changes in New York State Election Law. These laws and regulations were at the cornerstone of expanding protection of New Yorkers' right to vote. To meet this challenge, I returned to the Board in September 2019 as the Deputy Commissioner working with our team to implement early voting, updated voting technology, and campaign finance reform.

In March 2020, I assumed the role of Acting Commissioner during an unprecedented time in the history of Monroe County. The challenges faced during the pandemic under my tenure combined with numerous staffing and logistical hurdles continued right through Primary Day. Despite these never before experienced obstacles, the BOE processed petitions for over 300 races with less than 48-hours notice. The Board mailed over 257,000 Absentee Applications in response to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, processed over 55,000 Absentee applications that were returned, managed additional 5 Early Voting sites for the June Primary Election, and counted over 100,000 ballots within a 7-day period. Due to the dedication, hard work and many long hours from my committed staff we were able to conduct a safe, free and fair election for all residents.

This arduous period has been trying for all of us. I have been proud to serve our community and our democracy, and I humbly say that we have ensured our elections this year have been free and fair, and most importantly, we have protected the ability of our community to vote and be heard. That is the reason I ask for your vote on July 25th, to continue the work I have been doing on behalf of the voters of Monroe County even during these unique and difficult times. I have shown that through all obstacles that I am ready to stand up and protect the sanctity of our right to vote and uphold our democratic values. Most importantly, I am committed to ensuring that the strong history of the leadership that the Board has had will continue with your support.

I hope you will provide me the honor of continuing to serve as your Board of Elections Commissioner. You can be sure that I will always be accessible, fair and dedicated to protecting our shared values.

If you are unable to attend the convention, I have enclosed a proxy form for you to complete and mail back to me in the enclosed envelope so that your voice can be heard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out directly at BooseBOEMonroe@gmail.com or 585-210-0734. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LaShana Boose

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Deputy Commissioner, Monroe County Board of Elections
- Contracts Division, Rochester City School District
- Adjunct Professor in Political Science Department, Monroe Community College
- Election Inspector Trainer, Monroe County Board of Elections
- Constituent Services in Governor's Office, Department of State

ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

- Democrat & Chronicle Woman to Watch, May 2018
- American Association of University Women, Emerging Leader, 2017
- African American Leadership Development Program (AALDP), 2014

EDUCATION

- Master of Arts in Government, Regent University
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Science Interdisciplinary, University at Buffalo

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certification in Paralegal Studies, University at Buffalo
- Notary of Public, Monroe County, State of New York

AFFILIATIONS

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- New York State Election Commissioners' Association
- American Association of University Women- Greater Rochester Area Branch

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Member of the 26th Legislative District, Monroe County Democratic Committee
- Former Leader of the 28th Legislative District, Monroe County Democratic Committee
- Board Trustee of the Zoning Board of Appeals, City of Rochester
- Public Policy Chairperson, American Association of University Women
- Governance Chair & Communications Co-Chair, Judicial Process Commission
- Daisy Troop Leader, Girl Scouts of Western New York - Troop #60136
- Upward Bound Program Mentor, Monroe Community College
- Board Member & President of Policy Council, Action for a Better Community
- Charter Member, Monroe County Young Democrats