



July 13th, 2020

Dear Committee Member,

It is with great enthusiasm and a sense of humility that I write to you to express my interest in becoming the next **Democratic Commissioner of the Monroe County Board of Elections.**

Our next Commissioner must protect every citizen's right to vote and secure the integrity of every ballot cast. She must ensure every candidate is able to run for office on a level playing field and be willing to communicate openly with the party, candidates of all kinds, and the public at-large. Our Commissioner must do all of these things while upholding the highest degree of transparency, compliance with election law, and integrity.

For over a decade I have served the citizens of Rochester as an elected City Councilperson at-large. Among other things, during that time I've delved deeply into land-use policy. The policy reforms I've advocated for have helped stabilize neighborhoods and protected homeowners and renters. Lowering the percentage levied against those who are delinquent, cleaning up city codes regarding tax liens, or lifting the veil around LLC property ownership is the kind of long-term, fine grain attention to detail that I'm known for (and will need to draw upon when administering election law in real-time).

I am a committed community advocate. I've led the campaign for greater pay equity for women in Monroe County and helped found *La Cumbre: Latinos United for Progress*. Our work has registered thousands of new voters and provided civic engagement and voter education courses in historically underserved and marginalized communities.

Doing this work required me to grow as a leader and coalition builder. These skills—attention to detail, ability to master policy, strive toward greater equity, and willingness to build coalitions—are part of what's made me successful as a Councilwoman, businesswoman, a community advocate, and leader. To learn more about my nearly two decades of private business, public service, and community leadership, please see my enclosed resumé.

I know that I don't have all the answers. Real leaders recognize what they don't know. They reach out to those who've been there before. They recruit others who are up to the task. They stay humble and put in long hours. They keep their hearts, minds, and ears open. When it comes to securing our right to vote in free and fair elections, we shouldn't be asked to expect anything less.

Please feel free to reach out by email at [jackieforboecommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:jackieforboecommissioner@gmail.com) or call 585-738-6257. Our election is coming up on July 25th, I hope to earn your support in the days to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacklyn Ortiz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Jacklyn Ortiz