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Clary was born and raised in El Rubio, Dominican Republic. One of eight brothers and sisters, she enjoyed a rich childhood with her large family. After graduating high school, at the age of 19, she immigrated to the United States settling in New Brunswick. Shortly thereafter, she enrolled in the English as a Second Language program at Middlesex County College and in 1997 earned her Associates Degree in Marketing.

After managing her father's neighborhood grocery store and owning and operating a restaurant, Clary began her career in public service. In 2000, she was elected as a Democratic Committeewoman and hired as a senior clerk for the City of New Brunswick. She then joined the staff of Assemblyman Joseph Egan as a legislative aide. Later that year, she transferred to the Secretary of State's Office as an executive assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State. After her assignment in the Secretary of State's Office, Clary moved onto the Governor's Office and worked as an aide to Governor James McGreevy. She has also served as a confidential aide to Attorney General Zulima Farber as well as an aide to Governor Jon Corzine in the Office of Inter-Governmental Affairs.

Clary has served on numerous Governor nominated and Senate confirmed boards including the New Jersey Optometrists Board, the New Jersey Cemetery Board and the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority. She has also served on various community empowering boards such as the Middlesex County College Hispanic Advisory Committee, the Middlesex County Hispanic Task Force, Latinas United for Political Empowerment (LUPE), Latino Action Network (LAN), the Puerto Rican Action Board (PRAB) and the United Way of Central Jersey. She volunteered locally as a board member on the New Brunswick Human Relations Commission and the New Brunswick Rent Control Board.

During her career in public service, Clary also became involved in the political process working in local and state political campaigns. She held the positions of New Brunswick Field Director for Victory 2001 McGreevey for Governor, Middlesex/Mercer Field Director for Victory 2005 Corzine for Governor, Co-Chair of Cahill, Egan, Escobar 2010 and Senior Advisor to Cahill, Egan, Escobar 2018.

Clary currently serves as a management specialist for the City of New Brunswick in the office of Mayor Jim Cahill. She is also a Democratic Committeewoman and sits on the New Brunswick Ethics Board and the New Brunswick Planning Board. Clary is a parishioner at St. Bartholomew's Church in East Brunswick and lives in New Brunswick with her husband Tony and daughters Elizabeth and Victoria.

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February 2, 2019

Kevin P. McCabe, Chairman
Middlesex County Democratic Organization
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Chairman McCabe,

On Friday February 1, 2019 a press release was issued by the Middlesex County Democratic Organization announcing the retirement of Freeholder Blanquita Valenti. As the press release indicates, Freeholder Valenti has served the citizens of Middlesex County with dignity and class and I am thankful for her accomplishments on the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of intent to run as a candidate for the office of Middlesex County Freeholder. I believe I can continue the great work of Freeholder Valenti and contribute to the core mission of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, to provide the residents of Middlesex County with a quality, affordable life.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clary Azcona-Barber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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