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Yvonne Lopez was elected to the State of New Jersey General Assembly in November of 2017 representing the 19th Legislative District (Carteret, Woodbridge, South Amboy, Perth Amboy, Sayreville). Assemblywoman Lopez currently is a member of the following Assembly committees: Financial Institutions and Insurance, Transportation and Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations. Assemblywoman Lopez also serves as the Vice-Chair of the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

Assemblywoman Lopez was the Executive Director /CEO of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD). In her role Yvonne Lopez was responsible for the day-to-day operations of PRAHD and its 80 employees and 10 programs. Yvonne provided direction and leadership while creating a highly successful integrated fundraising, community relations and public relations strategy.

Prior to joining the non-profit sector, Yvonne served as the Vice President/Community Affairs Manager for Wachovia Bank and several of its predecessor banks. She was responsible for setting the direction for and achievement of community relations goals and objectives relative to philanthropy and employee involvement in the tristate region. Yvonne managed a \$5 million foundation budget and a public relations/sponsorship budget of \$1.5million. She managed Wachovia's annual work place giving campaign and New Jersey's signature program with the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the *Wachovia/DCA Housing Scholars Program*. Yvonne actively developed and deployed integrated community plans including programs and charitable giving to support Wachovia's community priorities and community development efforts. Yvonne also worked as the Director of Donor Relations for the Trinitas Health Foundation. She was responsible for cultivating new donors for the Foundation. Yvonne supported the management and implementation of the Foundation's comprehensive stewardship and donor campaigns, including strategic and visionary thinking for greater community outreach. She secured \$1.5 million in funding for the Trinitas Regional Medical Center's capital project the Center of Regional Education (CORE).

Yvonne is also a Democratic State Committeewoman and former North Brunswick Democratic Committeewoman. She is the founder of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy, NJ and has served on several boards and commissions—including the Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council, the Local Advisory Committee for Hackensack Meridian Health, Raritan Bay Medical Center, the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District, the North Brunswick Zoning Board, the Board of Advocates for Children of New Jersey, the Board of Friends & Families United Inc., New Jersey SHARES and Coming Home of Middlesex County.

Yvonne has been recognized by several organizations for her years of tireless public service and humanitarian efforts. Among the awards are The President's Volunteer Service Award—USA Freedom Corps; United Way of Central Jersey Hometown Heroes Award; Pioneer Award—Rutgers University, Center for Strategic Urban Community Leadership; Peter T. Maher Board Volunteer of the Year—Boys and Girls Clubs of New Jersey; Woman of Distinction—La Tribuna Newspaper; Outstanding Role Model Award, Friends & Families United Inc.; Honorable Mathias E. Rodriguez Humanitarian Award— Learning Empowerment Achievement Foundation (LEAF); the Beacon of Light Award— Stop The Funeral Foundation; Non-Profit Advocate of the Year Award— Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey; The Nuestros Niños Award—The Latino Institute, Inc.; and the Diversity Award – The Positive Community.

Currently residing in Perth Amboy, NJ, Yvonne studied at Rutgers University and completed several advanced certificate programs with Boston College, Union School of Business and Rutgers University—Center for Strategic Urban Community Leadership Institute.

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February 26th, 2019

Honorable Kevin P. McCabe
Chairman
Middlesex County Democratic Organization
266 Fernwood Ave.
Edison, NJ 08837

Dear Chairman McCabe,

Serving as Assemblywoman for the 19th Legislative District, has been a tremendous honor and privilege. Beyond the honor of meaningful public service, I have enjoyed the opportunity to address the challenges of my community and our state. I have been moved by the issues that impact the many residents of New Jersey and have developed thoughtful legislation to improve the lives of these individuals. As my first term closes, I want to continue advocating for our State and as such I am seeking re-election as Assemblywoman for the 19th Legislative District.

The issues I have seen, represent concerns that I have faced in my own life experiences. Born and raised in a working class family from Perth Amboy, throughout my life I have taken on the roles of mother, homeowner, caregiver and working professional. In these roles, I have faced the same anxiety and concerns that many of our residents face in regards to the high cost of living, access to a quality education, affordable healthcare, public safety, increased taxes and the ability to care for my loved ones. These experiences have shaped me throughout my life and have made me a better person and legislator.

The value of hard work was instilled in me by my mother and father and with this work ethic, I learned to fight hard for what I believed in. The power of a tireless work ethic is undeniable and for the past 27 years, I used this work ethic to work hard for others and my community.

Beyond my personal beliefs, which have always been based on core Democratic values, I am fundamentally a team player. A strong part of my willingness to work in public service has been to join a team of wonderful Democratic representatives who have the best interest of the people of New Jersey at heart. Collaborative approaches to problem solving always produce the best results, especially when working on contentious issues.

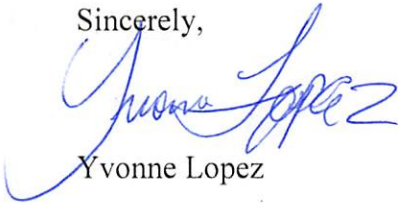
During my first term, I have sponsored legislation to protect vulnerable populations and have had the pleasure of seeing one of my bills become law. However, the greatest enjoyment I have felt has been my work to help the constituents of the 19th District. Being able to help someone with their problem and come to a solution is a tremendous feeling and I want to be able to continue helping those who need it most.

There is certainly still a lot of work to do and I am seeking re-election for the General Assembly because I deeply care about the 19th Legislative District, Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey as a whole. I want to keep the momentum of positive change going so that we all benefit from continued improvement.

Please accept this letter as an expression of my intent to run for re-election to the New Jersey General Assembly representing the 19th Legislative District and to participate in the Middlesex County Democratic Organization's convention on March 11.

Chairman McCabe, I respectfully ask for your support in my re-election and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Yvonne Lopez", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

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