

March 6, 2018

Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee:

My name is Karen Paz Domínguez and I am submitting this letter for your consideration as part of your endorsement process. It would be a great honor of mine if you agreed to endorse me to be the next publicly-elected Auditor-Controller for Humboldt County.

I have lived in Humboldt County for over 12 years. I came in the fall of 2005 to attend Humboldt State University. While pursuing my bachelor of science degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting, I participated in many campus and community volunteer efforts aimed at improving the quality of life for Humboldt County residents. After receiving my degree, I worked for 2 locally-owned CPA firms gaining my experience hours in taxation, accounting, and auditing. I progressed along the accountant career path starting as a junior accountant, being promoted to staff accountant and then senior accountant, earning my Enrolled Agent license, and now serving as Humboldt County's Assistant Auditor-Controller.

As the Assistant Auditor-Controller, I have identified several opportunities for improvement within the Auditor-Controller's department that will have long-term benefits to the county's residents. It is my intent to improve employee morale within the department, provide training to all fiscal staff throughout the county, engage the public by encouraging active participation, and promoting accuracy in reporting of public funds.

As a member of the community, I have volunteered for the following organizations: North Bay Rotaract, Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise, Rotary Club of Arcata Noon, Lost Coast Rotaract, the Emma Center, CASA of Humboldt, Humboldt Promotores, True North, and LatinoNet. I participated in fundraisers for children advocacy groups, immigrant rights organizations, and for survivors of violence, as well as participated in highway cleanups and campus cleanups.

As an elected Auditor-Controller, I intend to promote integrity in the accounting of public funds so that decisions to spend are made with the best financial information available. I also intend to promote ethics and integrity in the Auditor-Controller's department to empower the department's staff in self-reliance and decision making. I also intend to promote accountability at the county-level to ensure that all public servants feel safe in their positions and to hold those in power accountable to the public that elected them.

With regard to media coverage, I plan on providing media outlets any relevant information about my campaign and I would accept their invitations to interview me as both a candidate and later as the Auditor-Controller. I recognize that it is my responsibility to be forthcoming with the public that will elect me to serve.

My campaign committee is called "Karen Paz Dominguez for Auditor-Controller 2018". My campaign's principal officer is my husband, Fernando Paz and my assistant treasurer is my closest friend, Mariana Nava. I am serving as my own treasurer (the perks of being an accountant). With the candidate filing period coming to a close, I will jumpstart my fundraising efforts. As of now, I have not actively solicited donations.

If I am fortunate enough to receive your endorsement, then I can commit to actively work to get elected by walking precincts, phoning to ID voters, and doing data entry in the HCDCC database. I can also assemble a team of volunteers to assist in these efforts.

If there is any additional information that you need to assist in your decision-making as it relates to choosing which candidates to endorse, please feel free to request it of me by e-mail at [kypd44@gmail.com](mailto:kypd44@gmail.com). I am very grateful for your consideration and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you very much for your time,

Karen Paz Domínguez