

Maria Pelaez Peterson



Summary

Dedicated Public Servant focused on enhancing the lives of the residents of Lake County. Proven ability to establish rapport with local government officials from both parties, individuals from all sectors of life, and businesses, in order to facilitate relationships and conversations. Reliable, driven with strong time management and prioritization abilities.

Highlights

Attorney	Service Oriented	Conflict Resolution Expert
Courteous Demeanor	Energetic Work Attitude	Sharp Problem Solver
Excellent Public Speaker	Not afraid to ask Questions	Familiarizes self with the Issues

Experience

Democratic Candidate for Lake County Board, District 17, Lake County, IL

April, 2017 – November 6, 2018

Took the challenge to bring representation and a strong work ethic to and for the residents of Lake County, District 17. Our race started 20 points behind in a solidly Republican District, we lost by 4 points. I engaged with thousands of residents, garnered endorsements from both Republican and Democratic local elected officials and business, and made a major impact for Democrats in our area.

Owner, FitCore, Inc., North Barrington, IL

January 2000 to Present

Small business owner and body specialist, specifically focusing on corrective exercise. I help individuals in their pursuit to regain control of their bodies after surgeries, injuries, poor posture, and/or weight gain/loss.

Administrative Assistant to IL State Treasurer Pat Quinn, Chicago, IL

1991 – 1993

Oversaw a program to help families save money for the down payment of their first home. Served as a surrogate speaker, and the Hispanic Liaison on behalf of the Treasurer.

Attorney, U.S. Department of Labor, Chicago, IL

1989 – 1990

Litigated work-place safety violations, including death. Also represented Black Lung Claimants against their coal mining employers who denied their Black Lung Benefits.

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Volunteer Work

Mediator, Neighborhood Justice of Chicago, Summer 1984

Parent Rep, Sayre Language Academy Local School Council, Chicago 1989 - 1991

Board Member, Citizens Utility Board, 1990 - 1992

Trustee, State Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees, 2009 – 2011

Barrington School District 220, Referenda April, 1997 and March, 1998

Member, Village of North Barrington Plan Commission, November, 2017 – Present

Education

Loyola University of Chicago, 1980 - 1985

Bachelor of Science: Criminal Justice and Organizational Communications

The John Marshall Law School, 1985 – 1989

Juris Doctorate