"When I ask myself who I would want to represent us in office, I'd like to see someone who isn't afraid to have a voice to complement the thought leadership that exists among us today. In my own personal experience and lifelong journey towards building independence and self sufficiency, I believe that lending myself to the leaders and members of this community would bring tremendous value.

In my own experience, I learned that there are a number of gaps that need to be filled and communicated throughout the administrative process. For example I believe one of the challenges our housing authority, (Lake County Housing Authority,) experiences is with the education component of land lords in the areas: landlords have a very negative attitude or beliefs towards accepting section 8 tenants, and/or are under educated, and on the other end section 8 tenants also need to be educated on how to find independent landlords and educate them about section 8 giving them nothing but positive experiences with the program.

I hope to bring this type of awareness and value to the board.

Thank you and I look forward to serving on your board."

- Irina Mishalov