



Margarita Hibbs for Mayor
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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

After many calls and encouragement from my husband, I have decided to run for Mayor. As some know, I served as my husband's First Lady for approximately 10.5 years. As mayor, Marty accomplished a great deal to benefit the families and businesses of Estancia, as well as the entire county of Torrance. I have worked as a volunteer for the following community organizations and offer this short list as proof of my strong commitment to Estancia and its families.

Estancia Youth Development Group – Community Basketball League, Organizer

Developed and co-wrote the EYDG Mission, Program and Policies Manual, 1997.

Women's Community Association – Program Volunteer, Translator, Mentor & Fundraiser

Served over a five year period from 1997-2002

Mountainair Housing Authority – Estancia's Board Member and Chair, 1998-2001

Served as Chairwoman for nearly 3.5 years during this tenure

Rio Grande Valley CASA – Torrance County's Board Member and Vice President, 2004-2008

As a foster and adoptive parent, I am very proud to have brought CASA to Torrance County. CASA's mission is to support effective volunteer advocacy in the best interests of abused and neglected children in the 7th Judicial District Court system, and ensure that every child has a safe, loving and permanent home.

American Cancer Society's Relay For Life – Estancia Valley, Event Chair, Legislative Ambassador

2007- Present. As the family member and friend of many cancer victims, I am proud to have organized the first regional event for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in the Estancia Valley. In its second year, we raised nearly \$21,000 for research, development, education and patient services.

Margarita's Gallery – 1997- Present This business is a family owned gallery and gift shop showcasing local New Mexican artists and providing quality flowers, gifts and jewelry. As small business owners, we live a simple philosophy of promoting small business creation and ultimately, we keep the majority of our consumer dollars here in the Estancia Valley.

Rural Leadership Advocate & Coordinator, New Mexico, with My Rural America, 2004-2008

In this role I used my skills and experience in special events coordination, promotions and communications to further advocacy for rural communities as a voice to New Mexico's leadership and the U.S. Senate and Congress.

Salt Missions Trail Mainstreet Board – Board Member, 1997-2002

Estancia Basin Resource Association (EBRA), Member, 2005-Present

This is an Estancia Valley Basin Water and Resource organization dedicated to protecting and supporting solid and healthy resource planning for the region's communities and future infrastructure growth.

Estancia's Arthur Park Festivals, 1998-2008

Promoting healthy family and kid friendly events devoted to promoting local art, music and community bonding within a free and open venue to people of all ages was the goal. This included supporting new and old traditions like the Community Family 4th of July and Old Timer's Day activities.

Estancia Public Library Board – Board Member and Friend, 2004-Present

Jack Thorpe Western Heritage Day – Volunteer Organizer and Friend, 2006-Present

TNT-Teens Need Teens – Volunteer Event Coordinator, Christmas Craft Fair, 1999-2003

RoadRunner Foodbank Mobile Pantry – Volunteer Coordinator and Sponsor, 2008 - Present

Rotary Club Punkin' Chunkin' Festival – Sponsor and Supporter, 1998-Present

In closing, I wish to convey my love of this community and its amazing potential. This potential is in the great people of Estancia who prove every day that extraordinary things happen from simple acts of hard work, compassion for one another and the desire to strive for simple goodness. I am passionate about overcoming obstacles that hurt rural communities and will work for prosperity for our entire community. It is important during this tough economy that we are creative and willing to think outside the box for solutions to our problems. I humbly ask for your vote on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010.

Yours truly,
Margarita Hibbs