Rebecca Pulido Goff: NVDems 2021 Secretary Candidate Statements

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My involvement in the Democratic Party began as a volunteer for the 2016 Bernie Sanders presidential campaign. Being new to politics, I remember hearing everyone talk about how important voter registration was so I decided that is how I wanted to help. When I got out there with my clipboard of registration forms, I discovered I was actually terrified of approaching strangers and found myself growing more panicked by the minute. My husband recalled looking across the parking lot and seeing me standing there, hiding behind the clipboard visibly shaking. He quickly popped me back in the car and drove me back to headquarters. I was ashamed and embarrassed that I could not do what I thought was the most critical task to help us win and by the time we walked into the room, my feelings overwhelmed me and I started crying. Two organizers rushed up to me and gave me a big hug. They told me it was ok, that there were other ways I could help us win and asked what I thought I could do. I told them about my professional experience as a receptionist and they got me set up with phone banking lists and you know what, I was really good at that and I have phone banked for every cycle since then. Everyone has a talent or a gift they can share to help our candidates win. Maybe phone banking isn't your thing, but you love to text or maybe you can drive volunteers to canvass sites or maybe you just show up and cheer the team on. Every contribution matters when it comes to helping elect Democrats. As party leaders we need to help new people feel welcome and find their talents. We need to listen and be open to new ideas and realize that there is more than one way to accomplish a task. There is a place for everyone in the NVDems and I want to make sure new people feel as welcomed and loved in this party as I did that day.

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