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TONIGHT! - School Board Candidate Forum & ADLC Monthly Social Update!

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ArlDems Latino Caucus <latinocaucus@arlingtondemocrats.org>

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To: ArlDems Latino Caucus <latinocaucus@arlingtondemocrats.org>

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Good morning friends,

We hope this email finds you well. We wanted to share that instead of hosting an April Latino Caucus Social, we are attending the Arlington Democrats School Board Candidate Forum this evening at Arlington Mill! However, please **SAVE THE DATE** for our **May Social - TUESDAY, MAY 28th at 6:30 pm**.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO JOIN US THIS EVENING:

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM
Hosted by the Arlington Dems and the Arlington Young Dems
Arlington Mill Community Center
909 S Dinwiddie Street, Arlington, VA
7:00pm – 8:30pm

There are four candidates for two School Board slots, seeking the Democratic Endorsement!
READ A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE CANDIDATES BELOW (Listed In Alphabetical Order):

KATHLEEN CLARK:

Kathleen Clark is running for school board because she wants to help make our schools work for ALL of our students. She has witnessed how hard it can be to access resources and information to support students, particularly our students who learn differently, and our English learners. Kathleen believes that every student deserves to achieve success and is focused on collaborating with parents, staff, and the community to improve the APS system and make it better. Kathleen is someone who has spent the last six years engaged in special education, system planning, and English language advocacy as a volunteer. Her volunteer experience has provided her with a deep understanding of APS's strengths, its weaknesses (like its approach to inclusion), and our incredible teachers. Professionally, Kathleen is an auditor and a planner, and inherently, is going to ask a lot of questions and dig deep on issues to ensure that APS devises real, sustainable solutions for problems.

For more information, please visit Kathleen's website: <https://www.kathleenforarlingtonschoolboard.org/>.

LARRY FISHTAHLER:

Larry Fishtahler's work for our schools began as the local LULAC Council liaison to APS advocating for equity, inclusion, and closing academic achievement gaps for our students of color in collaboration with the NAACP. Larry led the APS Science Advisory Committee, the Advisory Council for Instruction, and the County Council of PTAs. In these roles he contributed to real progress in closing the achievement gaps; for his effective leadership, he received an APS Honored Citizens Award. Larry, a retired teacher, now a long-term substitute teaching Physics and Earth Science (including EL and SPED) at W-L and Wakefield – our most diverse high school. Larry is married to Elva Verastegui (a retired Spanish teacher, now "Ms. V" – a regular substitute at Esquela Key); together they have a son, Eduardo, and a daughter, Camila, (both K-12 APS students); the rest of their family is in Bolivia.

Please visit: www.LarryForArlington.org to learn more.

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CHEN LING:

Chen Ling is a proud APS parent and is running for School Board because he views public education as the cornerstone of the community. As an immigrant who learned English in public schools, he knows the amazing futures that a good public education can offer. He seeks to improve outcomes for students and teachers, reaffirm a culture of excellence for every child, and take actionable steps to solve challenges currently facing the school system. Chen's career focuses on using technology to assess complex problems, compare solutions, and measure quantifiable outcomes. Adding this expertise to the School Board will enable the Board to proactively address community input and forge lasting solutions to the important issues of our day and prepare our children for 21st century careers.

Find out more at: <https://chen4arlington.org> or text 703-646-1645.

ZURAYA TAPIA-HADLEY:

As a mother to two children in the local school system and an Arlington resident of 20 years, Zuraya Tapia-Hadley is running to help achieve exceptional education for all APS students. Through volunteer political involvement and a career as an attorney, advocate, and public affairs professional, for over 15 years Zuraya has developed creative solutions to some of the toughest policy and communications challenges faced by major corporations and national non-profits, offering a unique perspective and a vision for positive change. Zuraya is committed to working with parents, educators, administrators, and the staff to focus on the safety and well-being of students and educators, enhance the quality of education, and further enhance communication and transparency between the school board and broader community. Her expertise in building strategic partnerships, her dedication to service, and passion for education make her an ideal candidate for the Arlington School Board.

To learn more about Zuraya please visit: www.zurayatapia4schoolboard.org.

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Instagram: [@zurayatapia4schools](https://www.instagram.com/zurayatapia4schools)

Did you know that the Democrats School Board Endorsement Vote process is underway?

Please visit: [SBEV 2024 | Arlington Dems \(arlingtondemocrats.org\)](https://www.sbev2024.org/Arlington-Dems) to learn more about how to vote for the School Board Endorsement Vote.

ONLINE and IN-PERSON OPTIONS available.

If you have any questions or need voting information in Spanish please let us know.

We hope to see you tonight!

Best regards,

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Tannia Talento

Chair, Arlington Democrats Latino Caucus

An outreach caucus of the [Arlington Democrats!](https://www.arlingtondemocrats.org)

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