

January 25, 2024

Dear Board of Commissioners and County Manager,

My name is Jose Iglesias. I am excited to announce my candidacy for Commissioner of Marshall County's District 1.

Many of you know me, but for those who don't, I am a lifelong resident, 16 years to be exact, of Polk County. I graduated from Liberty University online, in May 2023 with a degree in Government and Public Administration.

I married Giovanna in 2002. We have two sons, Efrain, and Isaac, who are both 20 and 16 years old. Denise has been a property manager for the last 10 years. We attend West Ridge church where I have served as one of the elders and play piano on worship team.

At Liberty University, I was introduced to advanced finance, budget courses and foreign and international relations.

I have served on the Board of Commissioners from Sept 2017 to December 2018. While serving, I achieved my County Commissioner Certification through the University of Georgia and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. I bring to the table, extensive government experience, that includes both county and city, and have been part of intergovernmental relationships and agreements.

In 2018, I realized how much I understood County government that I decided to pursue my education in that arena. Budget sessions, balancing the budget, executive sessions, meeting and work agendas, meeting minutes, and so much more are just an example of the language I understand in county government.

I currently sit on the Cedartown Planning Commission board.

People in District One need to know that I understand the issues we face and the opportunities before us. Whether it be, public safety, the landfill, volunteer firefighters, employee 80-20 rule, paving roads, purchasing equipment, and going through and grieving the loss of some employees in our county.

I also understand the current projects, which are critical to the county.

As the upcoming candidate forum approaches, I challenge you to allow me to be part of the Board of Commissioners and continue being a team player and serving the people.

Sincerely,

Jose Iglesias

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Objective

Implement local proven track record and he intends to work very hard in advancing Polk county's progress at levels by being a team player on the Board of Commissioners.

My education and diverse background in government creates an opportunity to apply the ability of running a successful business to the business of running the government. Possess a deep understanding that government is different and the authority to make decisions is always shared with other county officials. It will be the honor of my life to serve the people, and by continuing the legacy of my predecessor. I believe that we are blessed with diversity and that now is the time to contribute to regain unity and give the local board of commissioners a boost of energy through reviving and empowering people and relationships.

Education:

Bachelor's Degree: Government, specializing in Public Administration

Associate's Degree, Accounting, Suffolk College, NY

Occupation: Tax Preparer/Accountant

DIVERSE EXPERIENCE

- Served on the Polk County Board of Commissioners September Sept. 2017- Dec. 2018
- Certified County Commissioner- 10-11-18 UGA & Carl Vinson Institute of Government
- Chairman of the Polk County Ordinance Committee & Technology Committee
- Participated in Georgia Academy for Economic Development Graduated Class May 2018
- Member of the Cedartown Planning Commission (Certified Planning Commissioner) 2014-Present
- Member of the Board of Directors of Primary Healthcare Centers
- Mentor for the Take Back Polk Program at Cedartown Middle School, 2017-2018
- Member of Westridge Church and is on the Worship Team as keyboard and piano player
- Served in Adopt-A-Class at Cedartown High School Jan 2017-2018

Polk County Board of Commissioner Chairman Committee & Board Appointments: Served on the Development Authority of Polk County as an ex-officio member, Served in Polk County Chamber of Commerce, Public Safety Committee. Currently Chairman for the Ordinance Review Committee, and Technology Committee. Serve on the Finance Committee, and Animal Control Committee.

Accomplishments previously to being a County Commissioner:

- Graduated from the Cedartown Business Builders Program, November 2014
- Served in the Stakeholder Committee representing Cedartown for Polk County's Comprehensive Plan drafted in November 2016
- Graduated Leadership Development program LEAD POLK 2017
- Through intergovernmental relations & coordination- Cedartown Municipal parking lot was repaved.
- Persistent communication led to coordination with the Georgia DOT to add an extra pedestrian sign on South Main St, Cedartown