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I have unrivaled experience with more than 37 years in public safety, and 24 at the Sheriff's Office, in both corrections and patrol. I was a school resource officer and instructor for our law enforcement academy. I've not only trained cops, I trained senior Deputies how to train and evaluate recruits. Most recently, I saved taxpayers \$1M with the new Justice and Transition Center (JTC) by looking closely at the budget submitted by the construction managers. I intend to get a handle on the overtime problems at the current jail, which are a ticking financial bomb for the Correction Officers. I also intend to bring meaningful reform such as paying inmate trustee workers minimum wage. Right now, they get pennies on the dollar. That is exploitative and dismissive of not just the dignity of work, but an affront to human dignity. I want the money to go into a savings account that will be there for the inmate when they get out. They can then use the money they earned to get an apartment, buy new clothes for a job, or get a car to go to work. It will allow them to cash paychecks without someone taking a cut. It is a hand up, not a handout.

Another concern I have is that the food service vendor, Aramark, serves substandard food to the inmates - one officer told me they "might have PTSD from the smell." Now, we don't expect jail food to be Michelin rated, but it needs to be palatable and satisfying in addition to doing better than the bare minimum in nutrition. If the inmates cannot get enough calories from the food they are served, where will they get it from? Well Aramark has a well-stocked commissary of junk food that the incarcerated can buy. Can one imagine a more cynical and money-hungry scheme than to serve unacceptable food to vulnerable people just to sell more bags of Doritos? It is a moral outrage, and the kind of casual mistreatment that I will bring an end to.

Crime is driven by three factors, mostly: Trauma, poverty, and desperation. We cannot eliminate crime by creating the conditions that breed more crime! It is past time to emphasize the justice in Criminal Justice, and not just the criminal.

Mine is an historic campaign, as I would be the first female Sheriff in Dutchess County history, the second in NYS, and the first Democrat to hold the office in at least a half-century, if not longer. I would also be the first out transgender person to hold the office in our history of criminal justice going back to the Middle Ages in England. Just by my running I have created history!

A brief blurb about what the Sheriff's Office does:

The Sheriff is the oldest civil law enforcement and civil defense organization in our history. The word "Sheriff" comes from the Reeve of the Shire or "Shire Reeve" - the Reeve was an elected person responsible for "raising the hue and cry" when a crime or threat occurred. The democratic roots of the Office of the Sheriff go back centuries. The Sheriff has always been the people's lawman - and soon to be lawwoman! The Sheriff is the highest law enforcement official in the county, and the Office has original jurisdiction over all offenses that occur in the county. We actively patrol in all areas of Dutchess County except for the Town of Poughkeepsie and the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie, which have their own municipal agencies. We do help them when they are working a major case and need backfill for routine service calls. The Sheriff has

two duties under the NYS Constitution: Maintenance of a jail and the production of defendants before a magistrate, and the service of civil process, such as serving papers, or seizing assets as per a court order. We also have a Law Enforcement Division which is responsible for patrol and investigation of crimes. We often assist smaller agencies when they have major cases, to make sure they have the resources necessary to conduct their investigation. We are also the premiere training agency in the Hudson Valley. Lastly, the biggest portion of the Sheriff's Office budget is for the jail, and in a couple years, the new JTC. The jail is a maximum-security facility that houses pretrial defendants accused of any manner of crimes up to A-1 felonies, and defendants found guilty of a misdemeanor (less than a year incarceration) serve their time there. We are also the permitting agency for pistol permits in the county. Lastly, we have a number of specialty units such as School Resource Officer, Marine, ATV, Aviation, and we provide a number of giveback programs to the community, such as boater safety courses and an Explorer post.