

Hi I am Jackie Wilson and I am running to represent the 124<sup>th</sup> Assembly District on the State Democratic Committee. I am a “dyed in the wool” Democrat. I am a well-known figure in the Elmira community and a familiar presence at community events. A positive person, my campaign motto for my recent Elmira City Council bid was “Elmira-A Great Place to Live”

I am an active member of the Chemung County Democratic Committee and work hard to elect Democratic candidates at every level -local, state and national, petitioning and campaigning for them, including myself. “Unsuccessful” is hardly the word for my recent run for City Council to represent my District on Elmira’s Southside where I live. I had the opportunity to meet my neighbors and listen to your concerns in your living rooms and porches.

I am a lifelong resident and grew up in Pine City. My dad taught and coached at Southside High School and was a highly respected figure in this community and I am proud to be “Doug Wilson’s daughter.” I am a 1971 “Green Hornet”, graduate of Southside HS, with a BA in Social Studies Education and Sociology from SUNY Cortland and Master’s Degree in School Counseling.

An educator and counselor, I have taught Social Studies, counseled and tutored teenagers at Glove house, helped pregnant and parenting teens attain high school diplomas at EOP and help adults who never completed HS attain diplomas through BOCES. I was a teacher on the Children and Youth Unit of the Elmira Psychiatric Center. My last seven years I was a Guidance Counselor at Notre Dame High School, a wonderful way to finish out my career.

I am now a Realtor with Howard Hanna Real Estate and landlord and very interested , active , supportive and involved with the revitalization of Downtown . I am Elmira’s biggest cheerleader and will always fight hard against the “naysayers”

In 2008 , I housed a Greenpeace volunteer and worked with him to promote Global Warming as an issue on the ballot in the 2008 local Congressional race. It was then I saw the power of grassroots organizing and became involved in “politics”, a term that has become known as a dirty and divisive, I prefer to use the words “government and public service”

I marched on Washington DC when President George Bush was bringing us close to war in Iraq.

Devastated on that fateful day in November, 2016 when I woke up to hear Donald Trump was our President, I went on Facebook and found one beacon of hope, candidate and Democrat Leslie Danks Burke’s post “Let’s Get to Work”

I was humbled and proud to be a part of The Women’s March in Washington DC and hear the chant “This is what democracy looks like. ” In these past few weeks, I have been so proud of our community, daily peaceful demonstrations on the steps of City Hall with the support of the Elmira Police Department and County Sheriff’s department. I was filled with pride and hope and a sense of community as I marched in the “Black Lives Matter” demonstration.

I believe in November, the citizens will elect Joe Biden as our President and our long national nightmare will be over. The darkest days in US History that I have lived through will end and our nation can begin to heal. But there is so much work to be done.

So, now, I am eager to use my passion, energy and commitment to work at the state level as the 124<sup>th</sup> District representative on the New York State Democratic Committee.