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Dear Democratic Leader:

I am writing to inform you of my decision to seek the Democratic nomination for Family Court judge and to ask for your support.

For those of you who do not know me, I would like to share some of my life story. My father died when I was seventeen years old. I was raised in Northeast Rochester by my mother Mary Verrillo, who gave everything she had for me and my late brother, Mark. I was able to attend college and law school despite significant financial obstacles. I have been married to my wife Sonya since 2003 and have two sons, Anthony, age 17, and Christopher age 15. After residing in Rochester for most of my life, I now reside in Perinton. We are very active in our local schools and church; Sonya has been involved with the PTA for many years and was recently elected as Treasurer of the New York State PTA.

I have been a registered Democrat since the age of 18 and have never changed my party affiliation. In the 1980's, I joined the 21<sup>st</sup> L.D., and had been elected six times as their Chair and Leader. During this time period, I was also a member and Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. I resigned from the leadership in January 2006 after my mother's passing and to spend more time with my family. Since then, I have been a Cub Scout leader and elder in my local church as well as a private attorney in my own law firm. I was one of the designated candidates for Supreme Court Justice in 2021 being endorsed by the Democratic, Working Families, and Rochester Labor Council for that position.

For over thirty-five years, I have been a practicing attorney in Rochester, helping every day people deal with family and individual legal problems. My areas of practice includes criminal, civil, and matrimonial litigation, providing me with relevant experience for the Family Court position. In 2004, I was appointed as a member of the CJA panel, where I have represented numerous indigent defendants in need of a criminal defense in the United States District Court. I have tried and settled many cases in Family Court and other trial courts. I have argued many cases before the Appellate Division and also with the Second Circuit.

As a Family Court Judge, I want to promote fairness, justice and reform to our administration of justice. I am committed to treating each litigant and attorney in a civil and respectful fashion and will expect parties to do the same. Civility should be expected of all of the participants to a case. A set of guidelines will be provided which sets forth what is expected of all participants in the litigation process and what the Court's role will be in the process. Evaluation of case needs and consideration of alternative dispute resolutions will be encouraged with full utilization of the staff provided by the court. I am committed to pursuing reforms that advance the administration of justice and improve the quality of the services provided in the Family Court.

I believe in the promise of tomorrow and our hopes for better days. I have high expectations for our community and for our court system.

I am grateful for the many blessings I have received , and I would like to serve our community in a new way as a Family Court Judge I look forward to speaking to you and your committees in the near future. I appreciate your time and consideration and ask for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Verrillo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Maurice Verrillo