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Candidate for Ramsey Borough Council

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Why am I running?

I went into the voting booth with my two girls in November last year and we all voted for Hillary or Millitary as my youngest refers to Hillary Clinton. (My girls, five and seven years old, think Hillary is my friend.) I wanted to teach them a lesson and put my name for Ramsey Democratic Committee as a write in candidate. We all hit VOTE and I weeks later, I found out that I did not win as my vote was erroneously not counted. Not wanting to be left out again, I decided to step up and run in Ramsey for Council.

At the core of my platform for Council is **transparency and openness** in government. To engage our residents, I will work to maintain civility and cooperation.

The community needs to know their efforts are valued in the decision-making and goal setting process. Public hearings, advisory committees, town hall meetings, televised council meetings, volunteer participation, and interest groups can connect residents with government in a significant way. Ramsey is falling short on this and I will work to effectuate change.

Bio:

Debra Sahler and her husband Greg are raising their two girls, five and seven in Ramsey. As an attorney at a non-profit organization that provides the insurance industry with data standards and implementation solutions, she is responsible, in part, for ensuring members of the insurance industry comply with the latest regulations and laws. She was appointed in 2014 by Mayor Botta to Ramsey's Environmental Commission and has helped lead Ramsey's Earth Day Clean Up Days, a Bike Rodeo, and has worked on finding solutions to improve Bike/Pedestrian access. She performs Site Plan reviews, including reviews of Screaming Eagle Site Plan as well as the Senior/Community Plan. She worked with the Borough's Attorney on drafting an ordinance for Complete Streets and applied for Grants on behalf of the Commission. She was appointed in 2016 to Ramsey's Green Team and worked on Ramsey's application for Sustainable Jersey which the town was certified at the Bronze Level 2015 and 2016.

She has served on the Board of Trustees for the Diabetes Foundation and the New Jersey State Bar Association. She served as the co-chair for the Gender Equity Task Force and was co-director of Women's Leadership for the New Jersey Women's Association of Lawyers. She was named a Rising Star by New Jersey Super Lawyers in 2012.