

MARIA GARCIA TRAJKOVICH FOR LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF



Dear Lake County Indiana Residents,

This morning, I officially filed my Candidacy for Lake County Sheriff. In 118 days on May 5th, 2026 you will all step behind the voting booth to select your next Lake County Sheriff. I know what you're thinking? Why Maria? They are all the same. Believe me when I say I am *not* the same.

I'm running because our county deserves leadership it can **Trust**.

For too long, past corruption and poor leadership have damaged public confidence in the Sheriff's Office. That distrust didn't happen overnight-and it won't be fixed with slogans or politics. It will be fixed with integrity, accountability, and steady leadership.

Let me be clear about who I am and why I am running.

This is **not a retirement job** for me.

This is **not a career move**.

And I'm not running to protect a system that hasn't always protected the public.

I'm running to serve.

As Sheriff, I will lead with values that put the community first -fair enforcement of the law, transparency in how decisions are made, and accountability at every level of the office. No one will be above the badge, and no one will be forgotten by it either.

Public safety works best when people trust the people sworn to protect them. I believe we can rebuild that trust -with professionalism, honesty and leadership that shows up every day for this county. I'm not going to take this lightly, and it will not be easy.

As a twenty-seven-year veteran on the force, I am humbly asking for your support, your voices, and your trust as we move Lake County forward together.

It's time for a Sheriff who is here for the right reasons! I am *not* entitled, I will earn the title.

Respectfully yours,

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