League of Women Voters of Wyoming July 2018 Albany County Clerk

Term of office is four years, with no term limits. Annual salary is \$85,000 plus some benefits. No Republican filed for office.

What experience, qualifications and interests do you have that would encourage voters to select you for this office?

**Jackie R. Gonzales (D):** Since my employment began in 1980 with the Albany County Clerk's Office, serving the public has given me the experience and qualifications needed to successfully and efficiently handle the responsibilities of County Clerk. I believe I have done so with both integrity and respect. The daily challenges and the ability to keep learning and implementing new processes that benefit the public motivate and inspire me. My passion for this position has only grown throughout the years, and I would be honored to continue serving.

Please describe the steps taken (or should be taken) by the County Clerk to prevent voter fraud.

**Jackie R. Gonzales (D):** As the Chief Election Official for Albany County, it is my responsibility to ensure that the integrity of the election process remains uncompromised. I believe strongly that voter education plays a key role in preventing voter fraud. When voter registration applications are transmitted and found to be incomplete or the status of an application is questionable, I will continue to provide timely notice to the voter in an attempt to resolve any issues that may arise. I will continue to perform my due diligence on any potential ineligible voter and ensure that security measures are in place.

## What changes to voting methods would you suggest to increase voter participation?

**Jackie R. Gonzales (D):** Implementing vote centers within Albany County is one way to bolster voter participation due to the accessibility and flexibility it would provide the voter. In doing this, it creates an avenue for an elector to cast their ballot at various locations rather than having to come to the County Clerk's office during early voting. Another way to increase voter participation throughout the county would be to allow for mail ballot elections. Every elector would automatically receive a ballot, thereby eliminating the need to request one every calendar year.