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### **KAUTZ ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

#### ***2017 EMERGE ALUM FIRST TO ANNOUNCE FOR OPEN LEE DISTRICT SEAT***

ALEXANDRIA, VA --- Larysa Kautz of Groveton has declared her intention to run for the Lee District seat on Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors in 2019, as serving Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay confirms that he won't seek re-election for the district seat in order to run for chairman of the Board.

"I have the utmost respect for Larysa," said Cari DeSantis. "She is smart, experienced, extremely hardworking, thoughtful, firm when she needs to be, and equally as comfortable with the individuals of differing abilities that we serve as she is in the boardroom. All this, and she is the mother of a toddler, a wife, a volunteer, a fundraiser, and active in her community. Larysa is a natural choice for the Board of Supervisors."

DeSantis, President & CEO of Melwood, has worked with Kautz for nearly 5 years and previously served the State of Delaware as cabinet secretary, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Families. After more than a decade of practicing tax and corporate law, Kautz built the first in-house legal department at Melwood, a local \$100 million nonprofit organization that works toward employment and full inclusion in society for people with disabilities, and was quickly promoted to Chief of Staff.

"Cari has been an important mentor and inspiration for me," said Kautz. "It's not widely known that she ran for Congress in 1994 and raised two children as a single mom. She is proof that our community benefits from the varied perspectives and experiences that women bring to leadership."

Kautz is new to the political scene, but not new to public service, currently serving on the Fairfax County Advisory Social Services Board (ASSB) and the Fairfax County Adult and Community Education (ACE) Advisory Committee, as well as the Virginia State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and Vision Impaired. She is a 2017 graduate of Emerge Virginia, a candidate training program for women, and is currently enrolled in Leadership Arlington. Her motivation stems from a sincere desire to keep Lee District, Fairfax County and the NOVA region a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

"I understand the challenges our district and our county face from multiple angles and am very interested in listening so that I can make the best possible decisions for our great community."

Kautz holds a JD from Yale Law School and an LLM in the field of tax law from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Kautz invites everyone to a free launch party on January 26<sup>th</sup> at El Paso Restaurant on Richmond Highway. For details and to RSVP to this free event, please go to [www.larysakautz.com](http://www.larysakautz.com).

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