From the time that I was young I've always been known for jumping in head first into things. Growing up in Spring was great and I hope that I can give back to the community that helped shape me into the woman I am Today. Many may not recognize my name but I'm Emma Acosta and I'm running for a position on Greengate's Board.

I have lived and grown up in Greengate for more than 10 years. Although I don't have much HOA experience, I will work hard to do a great and do right by my neighbors. One of my goals as board member would be to try and engage more Spanish speakers in the community by providing materials like newsletters and signs in both English and Spanish. I think this would be the first step to invite those neighbors who might prefer Spanish and make them feel more welcomed at meetings and community events.

My second goal is to try and provide better communication between the HOA and its members by incorporating the use of social media platforms such as Facebook and Nextdoor.com to alert members of meetings and other events. This does not mean that the current paper method would be annulled, but that it will be enhanced by adding more platforms.

Thirdly and lastly, I would truly like to promote the overall engagement of the community by providing an extra community party where neighbors can mingle and learn more about each other. My goal is that by having an event that fosters community, neighbors will have an opportunity to better understand each other and help alleviate any form of hostility that might arise.

My hope is to bring energy to the board and help unite the community by listening to Greengate residents and giving a voice to the voiceless. What I lack in experience I make up for neutrality and enthusiasm. I'm home grown and hope to bring some of my journalism and communications experience to our community and help promote unity. I believe that by listening to each other and learning to compromise together we can continue to make Greengate a great place to live.

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