

# Teen Ohio Senate candidate plans campaign event

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Democratic Ohio Senate candidate Paloma De La Fuente, who is running against state Sen. Theresa Gavarone, R-Bowling Green, has scheduled a formal campaign launch event.

She is also asking Democrats to write her name on the ballot during next month's primary election, as she ran into a problem with her nominating petition.

De La Fuente, an 18-year-old college student in the Toledo area, is the announced Democratic candidate for Ohio Senate District 2, which includes much of Erie and Ottawa counties, including Sandusky and Port Clinton.

Her official campaign launch is at 2 p.m. March 3, at the Schaller Building, 130 W. Indiana Ave., Perrysburg. Democratic officials have been invited to come and show support.

"Grassroots support is what we need and what we're hoping to get at the event," said De La Fuente, who said



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the launch of her official campaign site will be timed to coincide with the event. She's also has begun accepting campaign contributions online.

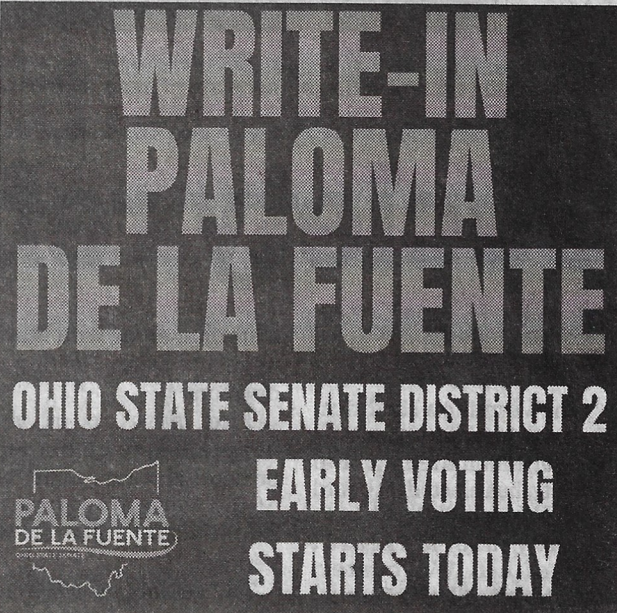
De La Fuente needs to get write-in votes from at least 50 Democrats in the March primary to appear on the ballot this fall.

She explained that her legal name is longer than "Paloma De La Fuente," and Republicans challenged her nomination petition.

After deciding that the local election board — two Democrats and two Republicans — likely would rule against her, De La Fuente withdrew her petition and launched a write-in effort instead.

She said she expects to clear that hurdle.

"I'm very excited. I've gotten a lot of support already," De La Fuente said. "I've been to every county in my district."



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Paloma De La Fuente is appealing for write-in votes on social media.