

De La Fuente gets Dem. state senate nomination

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Paloma De La Fuente, 18, has apparently clinched the Democratic nomination for the Ohio Senate 2 district, which includes parts of Erie and Huron counties and all of Ottawa county, including Sandusky and Port Clinton.

She'll face the incumbent, state Sen. Theresa Gavarone, R-Bowling Green, in the November election.

De La Fuente had problems with her nominating petition, so she needed at least 50

write-in votes in Tuesday's primary to get in the November ballot. She got 230 such votes from Erie County alone, according to unofficial results released late Tuesday night by the Erie County Election Board.

"Thank you to everyone who voted for me. I am so grateful for all of the support," De La Fuente said in a statement to the Register.

"This campaign is about ending the Republican corruption in the statehouse and making hardworking



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Ohioans, Ohio families and Ohio's best interest the focal point. For too long, our current state senator has put baseless political agendas and personal political interests above her constituents," De La Fuente said.

De La Fuente has begun taking campaign contributions; the location for the internet site is listed on her X social media account. She doesn't have an official campaign site yet but said Wednesday that she has just purchased the domain and

that it will be up soon.

Gavarone won her last four-year term in 2020, when she captured about 62% of the vote while turning aside Democrat Joel O'Dorisio.

Her March 6 preprimary campaign finance report showed about \$24,000 of cash on hand. She began with a balance of about \$109,000, spent about \$99,000 and raised about \$13,000.

De La Fuente's preprimary report, filed on March 7, shows about \$1,200 of campaign contributions and the same figure for cash on hand.

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