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Thank you, Mayor Lempert. I look forward to working with you, my new colleagues on Council, and members of the boards and committees I will be serving on. As a new member, I look forward to listening and learning, and am also ready and eager to collaborate with all members of our municipality.

I want to thank my husband, Steven Nadler, who has supported me every step of the way; our children, Sofia and Benjamin who have cheered me on as well. Also, my older children, grandchildren, and our families near and far who have continued to encourage me.

Thank you to those who first planted the seed in my mind that serving on Council was something I should do, before the thought even entered my mind that this could be a possibility.

To All My friends and mentors who have helped me grow in this new chapter of my life; to all my friends, old and new – thank you for believing in me.

To Council members Bernie Miller and Jo Butler – I am humbled and honored to follow in your steps.

I stand before you today with sincere appreciation for the opportunity I have to represent our community as the first Latina sworn into Princeton Council.

For that opportunity, I want to recognize my parents, Guillermo and Angela Fraga. They couldn't be here today, but this day is as much theirs as it is mine. I am a proud immigrant. 47 years ago, my parents made the decision to move our family from Mexico to the United States in order to provide my siblings and I with more opportunities for a better future. I appreciate their courage and their vision.

This historic moment belongs to them. I am eternally grateful for the sacrifices that they made.

*Mami y Papi, este día les pertenece a ustedes. Por todos los sacrificios que han hecho para asegurar que todos sus hijos tubieran una vida mejor en este país. Si no fuera por ustedes, esta oportunidad no hubiera sido posible.*

My parents taught me work ethic, and pride of work. From my work in the fields; as an investigator fighting against discrimination; and as a volunteer advocating for social justice, they taught me that all work merits respect and pride. I will carry that pride and work ethic with me on Council.

Thank you to all who placed their trust in me. I pledge that I will do what I've done before – On council, I won't back down from taking on tough issues or seeking solutions to improve the quality of life for everyone.

My siblings and I are the product of access to opportunity. My life experience has inspired me to be an advocate and a champion for those I see myself in, and especially for those who haven't had a strong voice in government.

I look forward to joining my colleagues to make sure we tackle the issues facing our community, including housing affordability among others.

I thank you all for helping me make this moment a reality. *Muchisimas Gracias.*