

## Yolanda Quiceno

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**To:** Yolanda Quiceno  
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City of Belle Isle -

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the Governing Board position at Cornerstone Charter Academy. I have served in this position for the past 5 years and would like to continue in that roll, as I feel I will to continue to make a positive impact on both Cornerstone Charter Academy (CCA) and the City of Belle Isle. I have weighed each vote carefully, considering how it will impact both Cornerstone Charter Academy and Belle Isle, and I have put a lot of thought into each decision. I have not missed a Governing Board meeting and I come prepared to each meeting having fully read all the agenda materials. I ask questions, make corrections, and bring up issues at each meeting.

When I moved to my current home in Windsor Place in 1997, we were in unincorporated Orange County. I worked with the HOA and personally knocked on every door in Windsor Place to collect signatures to annex into Belle Isle. It was a great decision and I love being part of a smaller, thriving city. My husband and I raised our three children here in Belle Isle and all three of my children graduated from Cornerstone Charter Academy. If Cornerstone did not exist, we would have left Belle Isle long ago as the zoning for public schools was unacceptable to us as parents.

I will forever be grateful for the great education experience that my three children received at Cornerstone Charter Academy. CCA was an amazing spring board to launch my children into their futures. James is now a senior at UCF and will graduate with a degree in political science. Julianna graduated in 2 1/2 years from Florida Atlantic University and the University hired her as the Marketing Specialist for their Medical School. Christina is a Sophomore at the University of Florida in the Pre-Veterinary program. As you can tell, I am a proud Mom. The education my children received at Cornerstone Charter Academy is priceless to me, and I want to continue to fight to give all the children in Belle Isle the same great education.

It has been an honor to see Cornerstone Charter Academy grow and thrive each year. I do not come with blinders, as I know nothing is perfect. I have taken up my share of battles to make changes. Being on the Governing Board allows me to fight to make education in Belle Isle a top priority. George Washington Carver said, "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom." Educating our children in Belle Isle is the golden key to building a better, City, County, State, and Nation.

I would humbly ask for your vote to continue my service on the CCA Governing Board, so I can continue the work building a top-notch academic school.

Sincerely,  
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