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Orozco willing to make changes

Each year at Town Meeting, every few months at the State House, and every day in our town, people wonder how to keep up with the astounding increases in health insurance costs, especially pharmacy costs. Medical premiums increase every year by double digits while workers, elders and people on fixed incomes see little to no increase in their pay. This constant siphoning for ever-increasing costs of health insurance is draining both our town of necessary resources, as well as our pockets. The staggering yearly premium increases must be brought under control. Change is badly needed and long overdue. And in order to effect that change, we need not just leadership, someone who keeps this issue on the front burner until costs are contained, but the knowledge and experience to know how to do it.

As a first-generation American, whose parents escaped from Cuba when Castro seized power, Sara Orozco is particularly sensitive to the arrogation of control by the state, but she also knows, firsthand, the benefits of a government that provides opportunity. She well understands that it is not the government's job to equalize outcomes, but rather enhance opportunities. And an integral part of that opportunity is being able to make choices based on aspiration, not desperation. When the choice is between prescription drugs and food, medicine and heating oil, a child's dental work and car payments, or the ER bill and a tuition payment, the choices are difficult. Sara Orozco will work tirelessly to change these difficult choices.

After graduating from college (she went on a sports scholarship which was made possible by Title IX), Ms. Orozco earned her Ph.D. in psychology and came to Massachusetts to work at McLean's and take a teaching post at Harvard. She now runs a small business and is in private practice. Sara has seen the health-care system from the public and private realms and endeavored to make changes to it from within. But the change has to come at the State House level, from someone who has the experience and knowledge and know-how to make those changes, from someone who actually wants to make those changes. Sara Orozco wants to make those changes, to cut costs, to reduce elders' and working families' expenses, to free up money for other vital projects in our town. Sara Orozco will do this, which is why she has my support and my vote on Nov. 4. And if you want to speak with her, just call her, she lives in town.

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