

Re :Biodata -Lilian Lagasca

Hello good morning let me introduce myself to you Linsay I am Lilian Lagasca and I am one of the Food & Bev dept. Stewards of River Rock Casino.

I have been with the Casino for ten years. And from Buffet Restaurant. I have started my career in the food Industry since 1989-1995.

I have migrated in Canada 1987 Canada 1986 Expo. Canada has open its doors to young graduates from overseas and i was one of given to get the opportunity to come here. It is where i started my career as young graduate from Philippines.

I have started my career 35 years ago. I have graduated Bachelor of Arts 1984. Coming to Canada and working for Hospitality and Tourism (Restaurant) my experience in this Food Industry open my horizons and I seen that i need to pursue courses to work in the Hotel Industry.

I have worked in the Downtown city core in a restaurant called Penny Lane Restaurant and Bistro. I've worked there for 8 years and i decided to go back to school Hospitality Hotel and Tourism . Before i join River Rock Casino I have worked for Century Plaza Hotel DT. From there working Fulltime and a mom I went back to school to take HRM Management and after graduation i joined River Rock Casino and started my career at Buffet Restaurant as Busser Hosts and servers helper and Team Trainer now Server. We have just been certified as Union member just recently and now i am one of candidates running for Bargaining Committee Rep for F&B.

I have decided to run because in my ten years of working for River Rock Casino. I have made friends with all the staff (all Dept.) and i consider them as my family for we see each other 5 times a week as were working together in this prestigious Company. Food and Beverage was never a Union member. It is just this year we decided to join.

I am running for Bargaining Committee I found to stay in this ever fast changing hotel and tourism industry. As member we need to look for the interest of each member's job security; good benefits and fair wages for all.

To stay in this competitive industry, we have to keep up the highest standards and open to adopt ourselves employees with the company for local and tourist as a to go place to stay and unwind. Being a member of the bargaining committee, it brings me joy to serve my co members to have a work safe environment in an establishment (Rive Rock) if given a chance I will bring members with me in this journey. No members will be left upon; i will commit myself to them and together we could share ideas; aspirations as to where this membership is going. Employees rights and benefits should be protected and with good benefits. Wage increases every 3 years is one crucial issue that contracts need to be reviewed and revisited.

For that as a member me and my colleagues have to abide by the rules of our BC Labour Code and Work Standards BC. Together with my co bargaining Committee Members Reps. in dealing cross bargaining with the owners of this company, we worked for.

This is all i can say about my interest in running as one candidate as members representative to looked out for their job security; fair benefits and good wages of my colleagues that they deserved.

Thank you for your time and I am humbled that my colleagues has chosen me to aspire for this position and why not i would try it as it would open new doors for me and chances to further my knowledge in this industry and the perks of gaining new skills i will learn together with my colleagues for the good well being of each members.

Yours truly;

Lilian Lagasca

F&B Dept Shop Stewards

Buffet Restaurant &Curve Lounge Restaurant