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Courtney Hall, Parish Administrator
Lincoln Parish Police Jury
100 W. Texas Ave., 3rd floor
Ruston, LA 71270

Dear Mr. Hall:

This letter is to inform you that Diana Griffith has filed a Notice of Withdrawal with our office, which was received on August 13, 2026, for the office of Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4, Parish of Lincoln. As Ms. Griffith was the only candidate for the office, her withdrawal has created an anticipated vacancy in accordance with La. R.S. 18:583.

Therefore, the governing authority shall call a special election to fill the vacancy within twenty (20) days, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:402 and La. R.S. 18:602 (**on or before September 2, 2026**). The next available election dates are April 17, 2027(primary) and May 29, 2027 (general), with qualifying dates of January 13, 14, and 15, 2027. Furthermore, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:602(E)(2)(a), the governing authority has the option to call the special election for the fall 2027 Gubernatorial election dates (October 9, 2027 (primary) and November 20, 2027, (general), with qualifying dates of August 3, 4, and 5, 2027).

Additionally, pursuant to La. R.S. 18:583(D)(1) and La. R.S. 18:602, the governing authority shall make an appointment within twenty (20) days of the office actually becoming vacant (**after January 1, 2027, but before or on January 21, 2027**).

Once a special election is called, a certified copy of the proclamation calling the election should be mailed to our office. Also, please forward the certified minutes of the meeting during which the appointment was made. A commission will be issued to the person appointed to fill the vacancy.

If the governing authority does not timely call the special election and/or make an appointment, a request to do so will be sent to the Governor's Office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:602(D).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (225) 922-0257 or trey.brazan@sos.la.gov.

Sincerely,



Trey Brazan, Attorney
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cc: Hon. Linda Cook, Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court
Hon. Sharon Parnell, Lincoln Parish Registrar of Voters