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**BEFORE THE  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

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**IN RE: HONORABLE JENNY HICKS  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4  
TENAHA, SHELBY COUNTY, TEXAS**

**CJC Nos. 18-0049 & 18-1407**

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**VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO RESIGN FROM  
JUDICIAL OFFICE IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

This Agreement is being entered into by the undersigned parties pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code.

**WHEREAS** at all times relevant hereto, the Honorable Jenny Hicks was the Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace in Tenaha, Shelby County, Texas, and

**WHEREAS** on September 12, 2017, the Commission received a confidential complaint against Judge Hicks regarding allegations that she "is never in her office" and is otherwise inaccessible to members of the public attempting to transact business with her court, and

**WHEREAS** no Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law have been made in connection with the above-referenced matters, and

**WHEREAS** no prior disciplinary action has been taken against Judge Hicks, who denies the allegations in their entirety, and

**WHEREAS** the parties agree that the allegations of judicial misconduct, if found to be true, could result in further disciplinary action against Judge Hicks, up to and including removal from office, and

**WHEREAS** the parties to this Agreement are desirous of resolving these matters without the time and expense of further disciplinary proceedings.

**IT IS THEREFORE AGREED** that Judge Hicks, upon the signing of this Agreement, officially and formally resigns her judicial duties effective immediately, and is entering into this Agreement to resolve the above-referenced complaint in lieu of disciplinary action by the Commission, pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code. The Commission agrees that it shall pursue no further disciplinary proceedings against Judge Hicks in connection with the above-referenced matters.

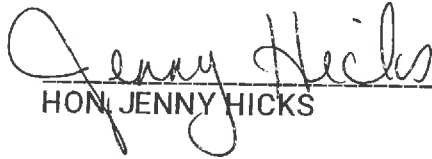
**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that Judge Hicks, by her execution of this voluntary agreement, does not admit guilt, fault, or liability regarding the matters contained in the complaint referenced above.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge Hicks shall be forever disqualified from judicial service in the State of Texas, including (a) sitting or serving as a judge, (b) standing for election or appointment to a judicial office, and/or (c) performing or exercising any judicial duties or functions of a judicial officer, including the performance of wedding ceremonies.

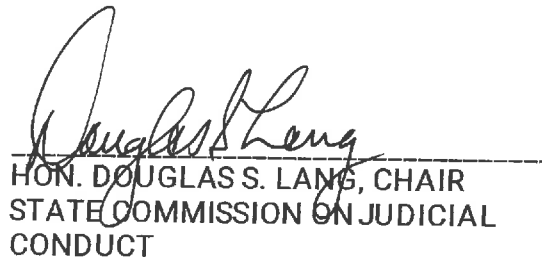
**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that any violation of this Agreement by Judge Hicks would constitute willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of her duties or casts public discredit upon the judiciary or administration of justice in violation of Art. 5, §1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution, and Section 33.001(b) of the Texas Government Code.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that this agreement shall be made public as a voluntary agreement to resign from judicial office, pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code, and the Commission may enforce this Agreement through any legal process necessary, including injunctive relief; that Travis County, Texas, shall be the proper venue for any dispute between the parties or proceeding relating to this Agreement; and that Judge Hicks, individually, shall bear the expense, cost, and any reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in the event any dispute arising under this Agreement is decided against her by any court or tribunal.

**AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED** upon its execution by the parties.

  
HON. JENNY HICKS

Date: 09/17/2018

  
HON. DOUGLAS S. LANG, CHAIR  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL  
CONDUCT

Date: 10/8/2018

**VERIFICATION**

State of Texas  
County of Shelby

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**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **JENNY HICKS**, who by me being first duly sworn, on her oath deposed and said that the above “Voluntary Agreement to Resign from Judicial Office in Lieu of Disciplinary Action” is a true and correct recitation of the facts and accurately reflects her understanding of the terms and conditions of, and voluntary consent to enter into, such Agreement.

**SWORN TO BEFORE ME**, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

*Carol Cain*

NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE STATE  
OF TEXAS

