

AFFIDAVIT OF DEANNA BETHEA

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF Galveston §

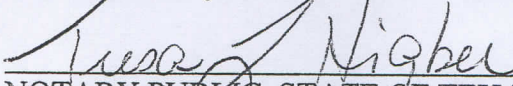
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared DEANNA BETHEA, and being by me first duly sworn on his oath deposed and said:

- 1. "During the week of April 28 – May 2, 2014, at the La Marque City Hall parking lot for early voting, I, Deanna Bethea, was personally subjected to many racial and derogatory statements and remarks made by the supporters working the polls for my opponent James Osteen. These remarks were made by: Councilwoman Connie Trube, Mr. Columbo, and Mr. Fiegle. These remarks were made in the presence of each other along with James Osteen and Mr. McGaffey.
- 2. One of the conversations held with Ms. Trube was concerning the public library. I was asked by a constituent "what, if anything, I would do concerning the library if I was elected". He then went on to tell me his concerns about what was happening as far as budget cuts and Ms. Trube's attitude towards the library.
- 4. I took the initiative to bring up the subject with Ms. Trube one afternoon while working the polls. She immediately got a very sarcastic tone about her and proceeded to explain to me that the city was wasting money by supporting the library. She went on to say that 'that black girl running the library is incompetent' & 'no one uses it but the damn niggers'.
- 5. Another incident that occurred was concerning Mr. Columbo. I was sitting in the front seat of my vehicle and he walked over and handed me my opponents (Mr. Chris Lane) mailer and asked me if I had seen it. I told him that it looked a lot like the door hangers he had distributed. He then reached in and yanked it out of my hands and flipped it over and pointed to Mr. Lane's picture and said "that picture is what's gonna cost that nigger this race, no one in this district wants a nigger representing them", laughed and walked away.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT."


DEANNA BETHEA

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by the said DEANNA BETHEA on this the 29th day of May, 2014, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.


NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

