



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

**IN RE: HONORABLE AMADA CARDENAS
FORMER JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 5
MATHIS, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS
CJC Nos. 14-0058-JP and 14-0598-JP**

**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 Amada Cardenas was Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5, Mathis, San Patricio County, Texas, and

WHEREAS the Commission received complaints alleging that Judge Cardenas had violated numerous Canons of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct by fraudulently signing a form representing that a relative performed community service; accepting gifts to dismiss traffic citations; magistrating friends and/or family members; fraudulently seeking reimbursement for travel expenses that she did not incur; and failing to perform her judicial functions, and

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

WHEREAS the parties agree that the allegations of judicial misconduct, if found to be true, could result in further disciplinary action against Judge Cardenas, and

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

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that Judge Cardenas, by executing this Agreement, affirms that she has resigned her judicial office 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 Cardenas in connection with the above-referenced matters.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge Cardenas 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.

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IT IS FURTHER AGREED that any violation of this Agreement by Judge Cardenas 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 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 Cardenas, 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.

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

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED upon its execution by the parties.


HON. AMADA CARDENAS


HON. STEVEN L. SEIDER, CHAIR
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT

Date: 7/27/2015

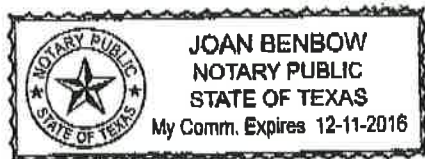
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VERIFICATION

State of Texas §
County of San Patricio §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **AMADA CARDENAS**, who by me being first duly sworn, on his/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 his/her understanding of the terms and conditions of, and voluntary consent to enter into, such Agreement.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on this the 27th day of July, 2015.




NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS