



City Secretary

CITY OF CONROE

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Good afternoon,

The City Secretary's Office is in receipt of an application challenge for the City of Conroe 2024 General Election; below you will find this Office's determination.

I have worked for the City for 32 years. Prior to becoming the City Secretary, I was the Assistant City Secretary, trained by my predecessor as to normal standard operating procedures for this office which had been in place for decades. During this time, I worked under the direction of Mayor Tommy Metcalf and during this time I also acted as acting City Secretary in the absence of our City Secretary. I have been appointed City Secretary for 8 years and worked in this capacity under the administration of Mayor Webb Melder, Mayor Toby Powell, and current Mayor Jody Czajkoski, and have maintained the City of Conroe's standard operating procedures and protocols that I was trained for. I serve in this capacity with great pride and integrity.

Candidate Application: The Legal Division of the Secretary of State has confirmed that candidate applications can be received in many different ways. I was instructed by the elected officials to retrieve their applications from their desk to officially receive them.

Notarizations: The Legal Division of the Secretary of State has confirmed that my office was following standard operating office procedures that had been in place for decades. To prevent future complaints, the Secretary of State has recommended that the City of Conroe notarize documents with elected officials as specified in the code rather than City of Conroe's standard operating procedures that were in place.

Occupation: According to case law provided by the Interim City Attorney Mike Garner; "in order to protect the public interest in public offices being decided by fair and vigorous elections and not technicalities leading to default", I am not invalidating the application based on this technicality.

I received 10 candidate applications during the filing period and I have accepted all applications.

Sincerely,


Soco M. Gorjon
City Secretary