

MINUTES
MEETING OF PUBLIC GROUP (COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY
TREASURER) TO FILL THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #2 VACANCY
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019
8:00 A.M.
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
555 S. 10th STREET, ROOM 112

Advance public notice of the Public Group meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on June 14, 2019.

Group Members present: Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk; Rachel Garver, Lancaster County Treasurer; Pat Condon, Lancaster County Attorney

Others present: Kristen Anderson, Chief Deputy Treasurer; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Deb Schorr, Sean Flowerday, Roma Amundson, Rick Vest, County Commissioners; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Stephen Hendrichsen, Development Review Manager; Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director; Shane Jensen and Cristy Joy, County Board District #2 Commissioner candidates; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's office

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) Approval of June 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Garver moved and Condon seconded to approve the June 14, 2019 meeting minutes (Exhibit A).

Condon noted the voting procedures as described in the minutes and asked if there was need for clarification. No need was indicated.

ROLL CALL: Condon, Garver and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

2) Selection of District #2 County Commissioner

Nolte noted letters of support from the following were received: Riley Slezack, Korey Reiman, Patsy Koch Johns, Deveron Baxter and Megan Mikolajczyk in support of Christa Yoakum; and Deane Finnegan in support of Christy Joy (Exhibits B-H).

Brestel announced the selections as follows: Nolte submitted Shane Jensen; Garver submitted Christa Yoakum; and Condon submitted Christy Joy (Exhibits I-K).

MOTION: Nolte moved to appoint Shane Jensen as District #2 County Commissioner. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Condon moved to appoint Christy Joy as District #2 County Commissioner. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Garver moved and Condon seconded to appoint Christa Yoakum as District #2 County Commissioner.

Garver stated she feels Yoakum has been well spoken, active in the community and understands the citizens of the County.

Nolte asked if the motion is contingent upon Yoakum becoming bonded. Garver answered yes.

Condon provided brief comments regarding the reasons for his initial support of Jim Ballard and for proceeding as he did today. Going forward, he hoped the County Board could remain non-partisan as much as possible.

ROLL CALL: Garver and Nolte voted yes. Condon voted no. Motion carried 2-1.

When asked about a press release, Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, stated the County Board Office could coordinate it. He added an Officials Bond would need to be approved by the presiding County Court Judge.

3) Adjournment

MOTION: Condon moved and Garver seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 a.m. Garver, Condon and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,

Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office



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FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019
2:00 P.M.
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
555 S. 10th STREET, ROOM 303

Advance public notice of the Public Group meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on June 5, 2019.

Group Members present: Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk; Rachel Garver, Lancaster County Treasurer; Pat Condon, Lancaster County Attorney

Others present: Kristen Anderson, Chief Deputy Treasurer; Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk; David Derbin, Deputy County Attorney; Deb Schorr, County Commissioner; and Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's office

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) Approval of June 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Condon moved and Garver seconded to approve the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Condon, Garver and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Finalist Interviews – Jim Ballard, Shane Jensen, Cristy Joy, Tami Soper and Christa Yoakum

Prior to the interviews, the candidates drew numbers determining seating order as follows: 1) Christa Yoakum, 2) Christy Joy, 3) Shane Jensen, 4) Tami Soper and 5) Jim Ballard.

Nolte stated each candidate has up to 5 minutes to answer each of 5 questions in a round robin format. At the end of the questioning, each candidate will have 2 minutes for a final statement.

Condon read the following questions for candidate response:

- 1) What do you see as the biggest problem facing the County and what ideas do you have for solving that problem?
- 2) Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln have many jointly funded agencies. How will you assure that the County's needs are equally and adequately served?
- 3) Provide three (3) examples of how you would balance potentially controversial economic development opportunities in rural areas with the rights and expectations of surrounding property owners.

Break

The meeting was recessed at 2:44 p.m. and reconvened at 2:52 p.m.

Condon read the following questions for candidate response:

- 4) How do you handle controversy in a group on an issue you feel very passionate about?
- 5) What is your priority issue for the County and how do you plan on addressing that priority?

Each candidate gave closing statements. Joy provided a copy of her statements (Exhibit A).

Break

The meeting was recessed at 3:29 p.m. and resumed at 3:38 p.m.

Other Business

Nolte noted letters of support from the following were received: Spencer Kunze and Dick Campbell in support of Cristy Joy; Barb Haith in support of Greg Osborn; Carolyn Eberly in support of Christa Yoakum; and Rick DeBoer in support of Christa Yoakum and Shane Jensen (Exhibits B-G).

Discussion on Selection Process

Nolte suggested at the next meeting each group member submit their first-choice candidate in writing. He added if each person has a different candidate pick, consideration could be given to all five finalists.

MOTION: Nolte moved for each group member to submit in writing their name along with their first-choice candidate for final consideration.

Condon clarified each ballot would have the group member's name and there would be a motion to appoint the candidate to the Board with a discussion period and vote following.

Regarding the question what happens if each group member chooses a different candidate, Nolte stated he felt comfortable making a motion in support of a candidate and seeing if there is a second to the motion.

Condon asked if the group is to vote consensus or majority but no decision was made on that matter.

Garver seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Garver, Condon and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting Date

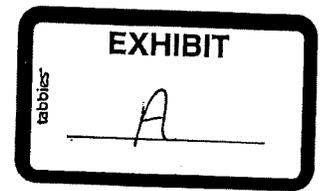
MOTION: Nolte moved and Condon seconded for the next meeting to be Tuesday, June 18 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 112 for final candidate selection. Garver, Condon and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

MOTION: Nolte moved and Garver seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 p.m. Garver, Condon and Nolte voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,

Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office



**County Board District 2
Appointment Final Interview**

Closing Statement

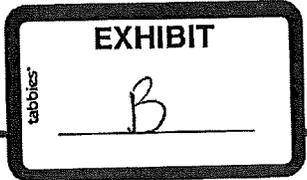
Cristy K. Joy, AIA LEED AP NCARB
801 W Rock Creek Rd. Raymond, NE 68428
402-429-7150
cjoy@archi-etc.com

I will use the skills I have learned in my 32-year business career to listen to the concerns of my constituents, plan strategically to create growth, and create a fiscally responsible budget.

My experiences allow me to hit the ground running and focus on the priorities that are important to all of us. For the remainder of the term, I plan to promote public safety, find a proactive plan to fund infrastructure needs, including roads and bridges, and make government more efficient to cut costs to the taxpayers.

I look forward to working with the people in District 2 and all of Lancaster County to create a better place to live, work, and raise a family for everyone.

Thank you!



Dan F. Nolte

From: Spencer Kunze <skunze@tablerockbank.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 3:47 PM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Appointment Recommendation

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JUN 11 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Dear County Clerk, Dan Nolte:

I am writing to you today to highly recommend Cristy Joy for the appointment to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners for District 2.

My names is Spencer Kunze, and I am a third generation banker, and Vice President & Branch Manager of the State Bank of Table Rock here in Roca, Nebraska. I am also a director and shareholder of our holding company.

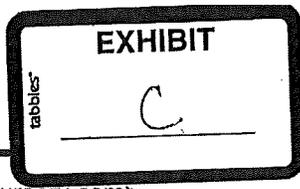
I have known Cristy Joy for many years and have the utmost respect for her. I became acquainted with her through business contacts and have admired her work ethic as an Architect and as the Managing Partner of Archi + Etc, LLC. We had her design an addition to one of our branches with a drive-up window. It turned out fabulous. She is so easy to work with and is a very good listener. She does what she says and delivers on her commitments. She was organized in her plans and bids, and fiscally responsible with the financial end of things.

Thank you for reading my recommendation letter, and I do believe that Cristy would be an Asset to your County Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Spencer H Kunze
Vice President
State Bank of Table Rock
Cell (402) 450-4267
Work (402) 484-5444

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From: Dick Campbell <rbc@campbellsnursery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Patrick Condon; Rachel M. Garver; Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Cristy Joy

JUN 11 2019
LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Elected officials, I am writing this email today to support the candidacy of Christy Joy to fill the District #2 County Board of Commissioner's seat. I have worked with Christy Joy on both the Planning Commission board and also the Lincoln Public Schools Facility Task force and Christy has brought not only good information to the discussions in each case but a knowledge of the issues before us having done her homework and coming to each of the meetings well prepared. She asks very good questions that lead to each of the above (board and task force) being able to make good decisions on issues brought before us. Having my wife, Kathy, serve 16 years on the County Board, I feel I have good knowledge of what makes a good commissioner and Christy Joy fits that bill to a tee. Please consider appointing Cristy Joy for the open Commissioner position. Dick Campbell

Dan F. Nolte

From: afscme2468@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Dan F. Nolte

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LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Dear selection committee,
Thank you for looking at these final five candidates to fill the vacancy on the County Board. As you interview the candidates, we would encourage you to choose a candidate that is not only well qualified, but labor friendly as well.

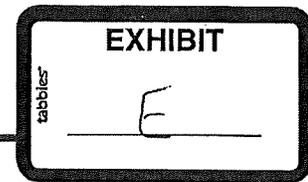
It is important that Lancaster County Commissioners, and their employees have a good working relationship. Even though there is not a lot of daily interaction between the two, employees need to know that they are valued as County employees. When an employees feels valued, the morale is higher, and when morale is higher, productivity and efficiency go up.

We know that at least two of these five candidates would meet these qualifications. That would be Christa Yoakum, and Shane Jensen, and would ask you to consider them to fill the vacancy. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Rick DeBoer
AFSCME 2468
Union President

Dan F. Nolte

From: Barb Haith <barbhaith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 8:43 AM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Osborn for County Board



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JUN 12 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Mr. Dan Nolte:

I am sending my full support for Greg Osborn to be on the County Board.

Greg is a dedicated, conscientious and honorable man. In the 15+ years I have known him, he has always been respectful and a wonderful listener. An important skill before coming to possible solutions. Greg always shows up, does his homework and is a creative thinker. His service on multiple boards and established business in Lincoln represents his commitment to Lancaster County.

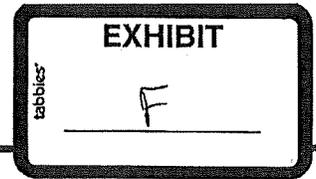
Greg has the best attributes for the vacancy on the County Board.

Thank you.
Respectfully,

Barbara Haith
Retired Business Owner

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Dan F. Nolte



From: Carolyn Eberly <susie19423@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:42 AM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: cHRISTA YOAKUM FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Dan:

I am writing to request your support of Christa Yoakum for County Commissioner to replace Jennifer Brinkman.

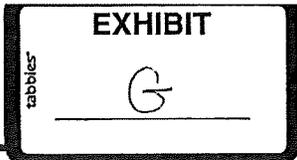
Christa will represent the district in which I live and I believe she will be the best person to represent me on the Commission. She is attuned to what are commonly referred to Kitchen Table Issues and has demonstrated over the years her commitment to work with people in many different capacities. I have no doubt she will continue to do this and take into consideration the needs of the county in all aspects while continuing to evaluate the needs and wants of her constituents.

I have no doubt she is the best person to fill this current vacancy and respectfully request your support of her appointment.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Eberly
3165 North Hill Rd
#101
Lincoln, NE 68504

NOTE: I had started an email previously and in attempting to delete it inadvertently forwarded it to you. Please delete the previous email and refer to this one. Thank you.



Dan F. Nolte

From: Carolyn Eberly <susie19423@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:33 AM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: CHRISTA YOAKUM FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Dan:

I am writing to request your support of Christa Yoakum for County Commissioner to replace Jennifer Brinkman. Christa would represent the district in which I live. It is important to me to have a Commissioner

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Dan F. Nolte

LANCASTER COUNTY
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From: Riley Slezak <rslezak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2019 9:02 PM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Letter In Support of Christ Yoakum for Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Hello County Clerk Nolte,

My name is Riley Slezak. I'm a lifelong resident of Northwest Lincoln and a recent graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I run political campaigns and will be attending the University of Nebraska College of Law this fall.

I wanted to write you to express support for the appointment of Christa Yoakum to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. I've known Christa for the last few years and would love to see her as my county commissioner, both as a potential constituent and in a professional capacity. I first met Christa as an intern at Nebraska Appleseed.

Christa was a great mentor for the interns and always emphasized how important it was for young people to be civically engaged. Christa's mentorship and her passion for youth involvement were important factors in me continuing to work in the nonprofit and political worlds in order to help shape the future of my community. I have no doubt she has encouraged other young people in the same way, and has helped shape many future civic leaders through her advice and by giving young people opportunities to make a difference. I also know that during Christa's campaign for Public Service Commission, she hired a diverse staff made up of young people. This is proof of her commitment to helping empower young people to actively engage with their community.

I believe because of her history of helping young people like myself mold themselves into future civic leaders, and her experience working to actively improve the lives of those in her community, that Christa is the best choice for the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and I would encourage you to vote for her.

Thank you,

Riley Slezak



Dan F. Nolte

From: Korey Reiman <koreyreiman@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 2:57 PM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Christa Yoakum

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LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

I am writing in support of Christa's consideration for County Board.

I have known Christa seven years. Her involvement in the community is unparalleled in my opinion. Her involvement in the refugee and immigrant community gives her a unique perspective of the role government helps, and is wanting, in relation to these citizens and future citizens of Lincoln. This would be a valuable perspective on the Board.

Christa is tireless in her work, and I believe she would bring that same work ethic as a member of the County Board.

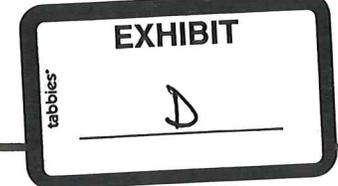
Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Korey Reiman
3100 S 54
Lincoln Ne 68506
(402) 432-0771

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Dan F. Nolte

From: Patsy Koch Johns <pk.cozadlincolntheatre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 3:49 PM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: In Support of Christa Yoakum



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JUN 17 2019

LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Dear County Commissioners;

I am recommending Christa Yoakum for the District 2 County Commissioner opening. I know you will be making a decision on this position soon.

Christa Yoakum is one of the most diligent political workers locally, statewide and nationally. She has served us all in many ways. You all have a resume to support that statement, I am sure. She has been a political leader for most of her life who is recognized by many Nebraskans from many different walks of life.

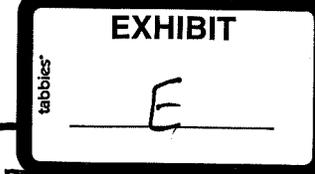
She leads others well. I was lucky to have her lead my campaign. Her experience made her the perfect person to motivate a group of young, diverse workers and aspiring political leaders. She not only had the knowledge base but she was skilled in encouraging collaboration. I believe these skills would be very important in any commission.

Look around you and you will see a huge number of political leaders who were not only encouraged by Christa Yoakum, but were and are supported by her skills.

Please give her your careful consideration for this position.

Patsy Koch Johns
Citizen

Dan F. Nolte



From: Deane Finnegan <dfinnegan38@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 4:38 PM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: Follow up

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LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Dan,

I know you have a big task ahead of you re: the County Board selection but I wanted to write one more time.

The questions I would continue to ask myself if I were in your position include the following:

Which candidate (s) can bring the community together to reach consensus and, at times, compromise. I am of the opinion that partisan politics has caused much of the division we face in the country today.

Which candidate (s) truly listen to understand?

Which candidate (s) consistently treat all others with courtesy and respect?

Am I selecting a candidate because I firmly believe he/she will, at all times, work for the common good?

This is a tough call as we all have relationships with many of the candidates, including many long friendships, so my final question would be am I choosing the person I believe to be the best servant leader in the group.

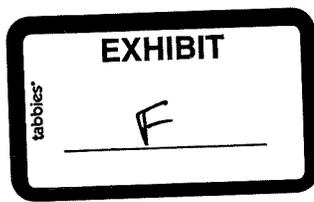
I still strongly support Cristy Joy for all the reasons above.

Good luck tomorrow..

Deane Finnegan

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LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Deveron Baxter

Lincoln Indian Center -Board chair

1100 Military Rd.

Lincoln Nebraska 68508

Dear, Dan Nolte, Rachel Garver and Pat Condon

I am writing you to give a recommendation for Christa Yoakum for the Lancaster County Commission seat. I have worked closely with Christa Yoakum the last few years. She was instrumental in the shut down of the beer stores in Whiteclay Nebraska. Mrs. Yoakum connects with all people in Lancaster County and the State and supports their goals and success. She has been the voice of justice in the County and State. It's her type of passion and work ethic that makes change happen. She helps without question. Mrs. Yoakum does not back down to a challenge. Her hard work and dedication towards the betterment of our county and state is know throughout the community. She gives the people a voice I believe that's what our county needs as a representative. She is a true leader and mentor.

My name is Deveron Baxter. I am a member of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska. I have started my own small business and recently started a journey to serve on the board of directors for the Lincoln Indian Center. There was mismanagement in the past and I cleaned everyone out and brought on a new board of educated, passionate people that will lead the ICI to a new positive and productive future for our Native community. I will tell you that Mrs. Yoakum's guidance helped give me the strength to make those necessary changes. She empowered me to recreate the Lincoln Indian Center. She really goes out of her way to help. She brings out the best in every one she works with.

I recommend Christa Yoakum for the Lancaster county commissioner seat. She will serve our community with fair, well thought out and knowledgeable decisions. Thank you for your all you do and I hope our future is great.

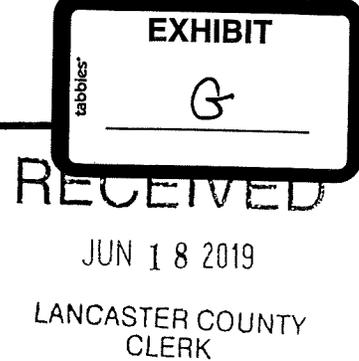
Sincerely,

Deveron Baxter

(,402)802-3167

Dan F. Nolte

From: Megan Mikolajczyk <megan.mikolajczyk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 10:10 PM
To: Dan F. Nolte
Subject: County Commission



Dan,

I wanted to reach out as a former candidate and a community member to ask you to please consider Christa Yoakum for the vacancy.

She is someone who has been helpful to me through my political journey as well as my career path. She has served as a mentor to me for nearly a decade, and I link many of my successes to her friendship and mentorship, including my current position and my foray into politics.

I trust Christa to be thoughtful and strategic, so I often try to run scenarios past her before making big decisions. This is particularly true when it comes to political issues.

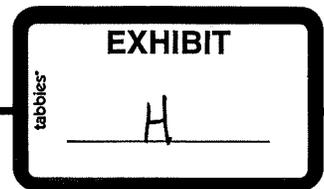
Christa is also someone who can work well with people from all walks of life. She is the board chair for my organization, where she seamlessly navigates difficult conversations, different political affiliations, geographic differences, etc. She exemplifies her ability to connect with people in her role with the New American Task Force and her role at Appleseed. And, even when delivering feedback she is nothing short of diplomatic.

I appreciate your time. Thank you for considering this email.

Meg Mikolajczyk

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Cori R. Beattie



From: Patrick Condon
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:46 AM
To: Cori R. Beattie
Subject: Fwd: Follow up

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Deane Finnegan <dfinnegan38@gmail.com>
Date: June 17, 2019 at 4:41:10 PM CDT
To: PCondon@lancaster.ne.gov
Subject: Follow up

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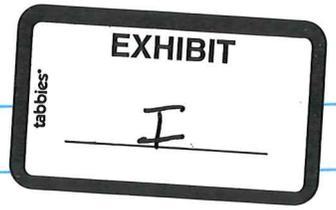
I still strongly support Cristy Joy as I know she is a servant leader who will bring people together to come up with solutions and because she has no political baggage.

Good luck tomorrow.

Deane Finnegan

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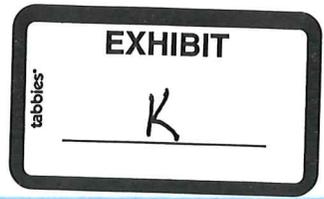
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