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Lancaster County Clerk Dan Nolte
555 S 10th Street, Room 108
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Mr. Nolte:

I would like to formally announce to you that I, James A. Herrold, would like to be considered to fill the vacancy on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners District 2 seat. There are several reasons why I believe I am the right person for this position, and I would like to briefly share those with you here.

First, I was a recent candidate for the Lincoln City Council's Northwest district seat. Although I was unsuccessful in that run, I spent the better part of the last year campaigning in Northwest Lincoln. I met folks at their doors, in their places of business, and at their community organizations, and I had a unique opportunity to listen to their thoughts and concerns. Many of the topics discussed were pertinent to not only Lincoln, but also to Lancaster County. I have a solid understanding of how the Commission operates – not only as an independent governing body, but also how it works in conjunction with other government entities at the municipal, state, and other levels.

The second main reason why I believe I am the right person at this time for this seat is because I am not a registered Republican or Democrat. I am a registered Libertarian, but I am an independent-minded person who is first and foremost interested in how policies and government actions affect my neighbors, not how they affect my party. At a time where the current make-up of the commission is two Republicans and two Democrats, I would be uniquely positioned to be an independent voice and a swing vote in those instances (however rare they may be) where partisan divides creep into the process. On top of that, I do not have special business interests (I do not sit on any company boards, own whole or parts of companies, etc.) that would create a conflict of interest situation. I would always be able to vote my conscience as a member of the commission.

Finally, I believe I am the right person because of my background and history. I have lived and worked in Lincoln for over fifteen years. When I was growing up, I lived in rural Nebraska on a farm and still have close ties to the farming community. I believe these two experiences will help me represent District 2 and make good judgements when issues that divide rural interests and urban interests arise.

For these main reasons, I believe I am uniquely qualified to represent District 2 on the Commission. You can contact me at 402.413.5290 or at . I look forward to meeting with the selection committee in order to further discuss my views and ideas and also to answer any questions that you have for me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James A. Herrold