



## HOOD COUNTY COUNTY JUDGE

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To the Citizens of Pecan Plantation:

It has come to my attention that there has been release of information attributed to me as County Judge of Hood County. I believe it would be beneficial to clarify my position to everyone so there can be no question. As County Judge of Hood County, I take my responsibilities seriously and would not do anything to interfere with an election process.

That said, when any petition for any election is brought to my office, as required by law as County Judge, I must accept it. Names on the petition are verified by the Election Administrator and if certified, an item is placed on the Commissioners' Court agenda in order to "Call the Election". All of this procedure is set out in Texas law and does not indicate a position for or against the issue on my part. I am bound by my position and the laws of the State of Texas, something I take very seriously!

As County Judge it is not ethical for me to insinuate myself in any election issue beyond my own. That said, I would like to state on the record that my only position on the possible incorporation of Pecan Plantation is that I believe it should be decided by the people who are eligible to make that determination. The process will require a legally held election and I will support whatever decision is made at that time. Until then, I have no opinion as to the incorporation, only a responsibility to direct that the election is held in a professional and fair manner, as required by law.

As a lifelong resident of Hood County, I have friends and acquaintances on both sides of the incorporation issue. It would be impossible for me to take sides without causing injury to one side or the other and I will not ever take a position on either side. I wish everyone well, as they go through the process and will await the election results in November.

Thank you for your cooperation in allowing me to clarify my position on the record.

Respectfully Yours,

Andy Rash  
Hood County Judge