## ORDER APPOINTING LAURA RICHARD JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN FORT BEND COUNTY JUSTICE COURT PRECINCT 4

On this day there came to be considered by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, the matter of an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Fort Bend County, Texas.

WHEREAS, the death of the Honorable Jim Richard has created a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace in the Justice Court Precinct 4;

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code §87.041 states the Commissioners Court may fill a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace until the next general election;

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code §87.041 requires the Commissioners Court to fill a vacancy by a majority vote of the members of the court who are present and voting; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code §27.001 requires each justice of the peace to subscribe to the official oath of office and to secure an official bond of not more than \$5000 payable to the County Judge to secure the performance of their duties.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** Fort Bend County Commissioners Court through a majority vote hereby appoints Laura Richard to serve as Justice of the Peace in the Justice Court Precinct 4, effective upon subscribing to the official oath of office and delivery of a bond payable to the County Judge securing faithful performance of her duties to fulfill the vacancy of the Honorable Jim Richard until the next general election.

Approved by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, this <u>27</u> day of May, 2014.

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County Judge

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County Clerk