



City of Lincoln  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**Directors' Meeting Agenda**

2 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2026  
555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE  
Bill Luxford Studio

- I. Open Meetings Law Announcement**
- II. Approval of Directors' Meeting Minutes from May 11**
- III. City Clerk Advisories**
- IV. City Council Advisories**
- V. Director Advisories**
- VI. Councilmember Commission, Committee, and Event Updates**
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. Post-Meeting Council Members' Calls to City Directors**
- IX. Adjournment**

Next Directors' Meeting – 2 p.m. Monday, June 8

**City Correspondence**

Planning & Development	Administrative Approvals
"	BPC052726 - 1 PC Action
"	BPC052726 - 1 PC Final Action Notice
"	BP260529-1-Urban Design Committee
LNM	Monthly Meeting with USDOT Intergovernmental Affairs Office
LPD	3rd Annual LPD/LFR Halloween Swearing-In
Urban Development	Street & Alley Vacation No. 26002
"	June 8 Mayors Neighborhood Roundtable
City Communications	Strengthening Communication Across Departments
City Finance	Finance End of Year Deadlines memo for FY 2025/2026
City Attorney	Claims against the City set for Public Hearing 6/01/2026

**Constituent Correspondence**

Meredith Killion	Roller Skating Rink & the Belmont Neighborhood Plan
Hannah Killion	"
Deb Chrisp	Support - Belmont Neighborhood Plan
Gabe	Belmont Infrastructure Needs
Robert Borer	The Evidentiary Election Manifesto (Executive Edition)
Anonymous	Water Bill Changes
Girl Scout Honor Troop 28274	Thanks for Supporting Sandbox Share Project

**From:** [Shelli K. Reid](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [David R. Cary](#); [Steve S. Henrichsen](#)  
**Subject:** Administrative Approvals  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 1:58:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [BP260526 -1 Administrative Approvals.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached.

Thank you,



**Shelli Reid**

Administrative Officer  
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Lincoln-Lancaster County  
**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

## Memo

**DATE:** May 26, 2026  
**TO:** City Clerk  
**FROM:** Clara McCully  
**SUBJECT:** Administrative Approvals

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This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 19, 2026, to May 25, 2026:

Administrative Amendment 25046, to Use Permit 140H, Appian Way Regional Center, was approved by the Planning and Development Services Director on May 21, 2026, to amend the existing detention cell to create more storage areas to allow expansion of the commercial lots, generally located at the northwest corner of Nebraska Parkway and S 91<sup>st</sup> Street.

**From:** [Shelli K. Reid](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Commish](#); [Planning\\_ALL](#); [Andrew Barness \(ABarness@lancaster.ne.gov\)](#); [Elizabeth D. Elliott](#); [John M. Ward](#); [Jon D. Carlson](#); [Morgan R. Sanchez](#); [Pamela L. Dingman](#); [Rick D. Hoppe](#); [Robert K. Simmering](#); [Ron E. Rehtus](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Terry A. Kathe](#); [Tim S. Sieh](#)  
**Subject:** BPC052726 - 1 PC Action  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026 4:08:43 PM  
**Attachments:** [BPC052726 - 1 PC Action.pdf](#)

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Please see attached.

Thank you,



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## **\*\*ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of **\*FINAL ACTION\***. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

### **AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026**

**[Commissioners Campbell and Ebert absent]**

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held April 29, 2026. **\*\*APPROVED: 7-0 ( Campbell and Ebert absent)\*\***

**1. CONSENT AGENDA  
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)**

**SPECIAL PERMITS:**

1.1 SPECIAL PERMIT 24011A, for Cedarhurst of Lincoln, to amend Special Permit 24011, pursuant to Chapter 63.530 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to allow a Residential Healthcare Facility, generally located at S 70th Street and Pine Lake Road. **FINAL ACTION**  
**Staff Recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner:** Jacob Schlange, (402) 441-6373, [jschlange@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:jschlange@lincoln.ne.gov)  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 7-0 (Campbell and Ebert absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 13, 2026. Resolution No. PC-01991.**

1.2 SPECIAL PERMIT 26022, for Factor ADU, pursuant to Chapter 13.050 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit, generally located at SW 140th Street and W Spring Road. **FINAL ACTION**  
**Staff Recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner:** George Wesselhoft, (402) 441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 7-0 (Campbell and Ebert absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 14, 2026. Resolution No. PC-01992.**

**2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None**

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None  
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

## CHANGE OF ZONE:

- 4.1 CHANGE OF ZONE 22023A, to amend the Turbine Flats Planned Unit Development (PUD) to add approximately 4.47 acres, more or less, with a change of zone from H-3 (Highway Commercial) to R-6 (Residential) PUD, including associated waivers to lot and height standards, generally located between N 22nd Street and N 23rd Street, between Y Street and W Street.

**Staff Recommendation: Conditional Approval**

**Staff Planner:** Benjamin Callahan, (402) 441-6360, [bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov)

**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 7-0 (Campbell and Ebert absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 14, 2026. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, 3:00 p.m.**

## SPECIAL PERMIT:

- 4.2 SPECIAL PERMIT 25001A, for Battle Run Golf Course, to amend Special Permit 25001, pursuant to Chapter 63.130 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to allow Recreational Facilities, generally located at S 112th Street and A Street. **FINAL ACTION**

**Staff Recommendation: Conditional Approval**

**Staff Planner:** George Wesselhoft, (402) 441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)

**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 7-0 (Campbell and Ebert absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 14, 2026. Resolution No. PC-01993.**

## CHANGE OF ZONES AND ASSOCIATED ITEMS:

- 4.3a CHANGE OF ZONE 26009, for Azalealand, from R-1 (Residential) to R-3 (Residential), generally located at S 36th Street and Prescott Avenue.

**Staff Recommendation: Conditional Approval**

**Staff Planner:** Benjamin Callahan, (402) 441-6360, [bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov)

**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 7-0 (Campbell and Ebert absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 13, 2026. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, 3:00 p.m.**

- 4.3b SPECIAL PERMIT 26024, for Azalealand Community Unit Plan, associated with Change of Zone 26009, pursuant to Chapter 63.320 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to allow a Community Unit Plan, generally located at S 36th Street and Prescott Avenue. **FINAL ACTION**

**Staff Recommendation: Conditional Approval**

**Staff Planner:** Benjamin Callahan, (402) 441-6360, [bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bcallahan@lincoln.ne.gov)

**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 7-0 (Campbell and Ebert absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated May 13, 2026. Resolution No. PC-01995.**

## CHANGE OF ZONE:

- 4.4 CHANGE OF ZONE 26007, for the Corner Stores Local Landmark Thematic District.

**Staff Recommendation: Approval**

**Staff Planner:** Jill Dolberg, (402) 441-6380, [jdolberg@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:jdolberg@lincoln.ne.gov)

**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-0 (Campbell and Ebert absent) Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, 3:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL PERMIT:**

4.5 SPECIAL PERMIT 26016, associated with Change of Zone 26007, pursuant to Chapter 63.400 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, for Historic Preservation change in use, generally located at S 17th Street and Harwood Street. **FINAL ACTION**

**Staff Recommendation: Conditional Approval**

**Staff Planner:** Jill Dolberg, (402) 441-6380, [jdolberg@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:jdolberg@lincoln.ne.gov)

**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 5-2 (Eddins and Ryman Yost dissenting; Campbell and Ebert absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated April 16, 2026. Resolution No. PC-01994.**

5. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:** None

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM  
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO.**

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**Adjournment: 3:18 p.m.**

**From:** [Shelli K. Reid](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [David R. Cary](#); [Steve S. Henrichsen](#)  
**Subject:** BPC052726 - 1 PC Final Action Notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026 4:14:07 PM  
**Attachments:** [BPC052726 - 1 PC Final Action.pdf](#)

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Please see attached.

Thank you,



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## PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

**TO:** Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird  
Lincoln City Council

**FROM:** Shelli Reid, Planning and Development Services

**DATE:** May 27, 2026

**RE:** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: May 27, 2026

Please be advised that on May 27, 2026, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution PC-01991** - approving **Special Permit 24011A**, to amend the Cedarhurst of Lincoln Special Permit (SP) for residential healthcare to expand the boundary by adding approximately 1.6 acres, and adding 20 cottage units, on property generally located at S. 70th Street and Pine Lake Road; and

**Resolution PC-01993** - approving **Special Permit 25001A**- to amend the Special Permit for the Battle Run Golf Course to approve a new access on S 112th Street, on property generally located at S 112th Street and A Street; and

**Resolution PC-01994** - approving **Special Permit 26016**- to add potential changes in use, to include Neighborhood Support Services, Personal Services, Retail Sales, Commercial Kitchen, and Single-Family Dwellings and Offices at 1921 South 17th Street; and

**Resolution PC-01995** - approving **Special Permit 26024**- to allow the Azalealand Community Unit Plan (CUP) for up to 20 dwelling units, with associated waivers to lot & height requirements, on property legal described as Lots 1,4 & 5, Flower Land Replat, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 3701 Prescott Ave.

The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the Lincoln City Council. The Planning Commission's action on these applications is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning and Development Services Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolutions may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (search for "PATS"). Click on "Planning Application Tracking Service (PATS)" at the top of the page, click "Selection Screen" under "PATS Tools" on the right side of the screen, type in the application number (i.e., SP24011A, SP25001A, SP26016, SP26024), click on "Search," then "Select," and go to "Related Documents".

**From:** [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [David R. Cary](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#)  
**Subject:** BP260529-1-Urban Design Committee  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2026 8:18:21 AM  
**Attachments:** [BP260529 -1-Urban Design Committee .pdf](#)

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Good morning,

Please see attached.

Thank you,



**Laura Tinnerstet**  
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# URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

The Urban Design Committee will hold a meeting on **June 02, 2026**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska in **City Council Chambers** on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

## AGENDA

1. Approval of UDC meeting record of [May 05, 2026](#).

## ADVISE

2. [Mixed use building at 11<sup>th</sup> and N-UDR26052](#) – *Advisory Review & Final Action*

## STAFF UPDATES

*Urban Design Committee's agendas may be accessed on the Internet at*  
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Planning-Department/Boards-and-Commissions/Urban-Design-Committee>

## ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

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**From:** [noreply@lonm.org](mailto:noreply@lonm.org) on behalf of [L. Lynn Rex](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** USDOT: Monthly Meeting with USDOT Intergovernmental Affairs Office - June 3, 2026/GRANT OPPORTUNITIES  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2026 8:55:54 AM

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## Monthly Meeting with USDOT Intergovernmental Affairs Office - June 3, 2026

*U.S. Department of Transportation sent this  
bulletin at 05/27/2026 05:00 PM EDT*

Greetings –

The USDOT Office of Governmental Affairs will be hosting a stakeholders call **Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (EDT)**. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs Melissa Newton will provide the latest updates on USDOT activities, Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) and grants status.

Please use the link below to register for the call:

### Registration

**Link:** [https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_UshZrpeLTQ6N9VJG\\_b3I7w](https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_UshZrpeLTQ6N9VJG_b3I7w)

Thank you and we look forward to you joining the call.

With kind regards,

--USDOT Intergovernmental Affairs

**L. Lynn Rex, Christy Abraham, and**

**Lash Chaffin**

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**From:** [Erika Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Michon Morrow](#); [Jason Stille](#); [Ryan Dale](#); [Erika Thomas](#); [Mary J. Lierman](#); [Jason Hellmuth](#); [Roy Rivera Barcenas](#); [Duane A. Winkler](#); [Mayde McGuire](#); [Cassandra Nissen](#); [Andre O'Connor](#); [Sara Genoways](#); [Donald Scheinost](#); [Patrick Murphy](#); [Ben Kopsa](#); [Justin Armstrong](#); [Tom J. Beckius](#); [Tom Duden](#); [David T. Engler](#); [Max Hubka](#); [Tarvis Banks](#)  
**Cc:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Mairead Rew](#); [Garret C. Swanson](#)  
**Subject:** 3rd Annual LPD/LFR Halloween Swearing-In  
**Start:** Thursday, October 29, 2026 5:00:00 PM  
**End:** Thursday, October 29, 2026 8:00:00 PM  
**Location:** 6601 Pine Lake Road

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Hello everyone! Hard to believe we're planning for October, but it'll be here before we know it. That means it's time for our 3rd Annual Halloween Swearing-In with LPD and LFR, where kids dress up as police officers or firefighters and get "sworn in" to the departments.

Please SAVE THE DATE for Thursday, October 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Center – SE Team Station & Fire Station 15. New this year, we'll be working with LPU to design custom mini patches for the kids being sworn in as police officers!

@Ben Kopsa <<mailto:LPD1625@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> and I have already confirmed the date and added it to the calendar. In the fall, I will set up a Facebook event and an RSVP link through Ticket Tailor so we can make sure we don't have parking overflow issues. I have tagged everyone below with various requests. Please advise if you're not able to assist.

EVENT TIMELINE:

SETUP/PREP: 5-6 PM (families start showing up by 5:45 or so)

EVENT: 6-7:30 PM – touch-a-truck, photos with chiefs, pass out candy/swag

Session #1 (6-6:45): 6:30 PM swearing-in with council members, chiefs (earlier crowd)

(people move in and out around 6:45 for parking availability)

Session #2 (6:45-7:30): 7:15 PM swearing-in with council members, chiefs (later crowd)

CLEAN-UP: 7:30-8 PM

NEEDS:

@Erika Thomas <<mailto:LPD3627@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> – create/manage Ticket Tailor RSVPs, create Facebook event, media invite, extra parking at Franklin drywall, Dunkin' donation, setup/event management

@Mary J. Lierman <<mailto:MLierman@lincoln.ne.gov>> – LFR rigs and setup truck bags, LFR swag, LFR Explorers to assist, Sparky the Fire Dog, setup/event management

@Jason Hellmuth <<mailto:LPD1334@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> – Diplomat & recruiting vehicle, LPD Explorers to assist, child ID kits, transport LPD backdrops for photos

@Roy Rivera Barcenas <<mailto:LPD3596@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> – PA system for using during event, help passing out treats (if you're available again!)

@Duane A. Winkler <<mailto:LPD1365@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> – transport & setup of command post

@Mayde McGuire <<mailto:LPD1251@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> @Cassandra Nissen <<mailto:LPD1543@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> @Andre O'Connor

<<mailto:LPD1889@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> – LPD swag from E&P, recruiting table at event (?) – could sell America 250 patches

@Sara Genoways <<mailto:LPD1599@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> – Motor Unit bike from Traffic Unit (again this year, please!)

@Donald Scheinost <<mailto:LPD798@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> @Patrick Murphy <<mailto:LPD1758@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> – Bike Patrol officer with e-bike (new this year, if possible!)

@Ben Kopsa <<mailto:LPD1625@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> @Justin Armstrong <<mailto:LPD1257@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> – setup and reserve space at SE, coordinate officers to attend

@Tom J. Beckius <<mailto:TBeckius@lincoln.ne.gov>> @Tom Duden <<mailto:TDuden@lincoln.ne.gov>> – candy/treat donations & help manning the tables

@Michon Morrow <<mailto:LPD1143@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> @David T. Engler <<mailto:DEngler@lincoln.ne.gov>> – chiefs present for "photos with the chiefs"

Would love ACs and Team Captains to attend if possible (@Jason Stille <<mailto:LPD1210@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> @Ryan Dale

<<mailto:LPD1487@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> @Donald Scheinost <<mailto:LPD798@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> @Max Hubka

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<<mailto:LPD1597@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>> )

**From:** [Kristi K. Nydahl](#)  
**To:** [Mayor](#); [Council Packet](#); [Soulinnee Phan](#); [David R. Cary](#); [Yohance L. Christie](#); [Brandi R. Lehl](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Rick D. Hoppe](#)  
**Cc:** [Michelle R. Backemeyer](#)  
**Subject:** Street & Alley Vacation No. 26002  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2026 11:06:41 AM  
**Attachments:** [BU260528.pdf](#)

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Attached is a memo from Michelle Backemeyer regarding Street & Alley Vacation No. 26002, North-South Alley between 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Streets, South of Y Street.  
Thanks!



**Kristi Nydahl**  
Executive Secretary | Administration

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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Gaylor Baird  
& City Council Members

FROM: Michelle R. Backemeyer  
Real Estate & Relocation  
Assistance Agent

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office      DEPARTMENT: Urban Development Department

ATTENTION:

DATE: May 28, 2026

COPIES TO: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk      SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 26002  
David Cary, Planning      North-South Alley between 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Yohance Christie, City Attorney      & 24<sup>TH</sup> Streets, South of Y Street  
Brandi Lehl, City Clerk  
Shelli Reid, Planning  
Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office

A request has been made to vacate the north-south alley, between N. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Streets, south of Y Street. The same property owner owns the property on both sides of the alley, and they currently use this area as part of their business operations. The alley is of little use to the public because of the way it is currently operating and at the south end it dead ends into another property also owned by the applicant.

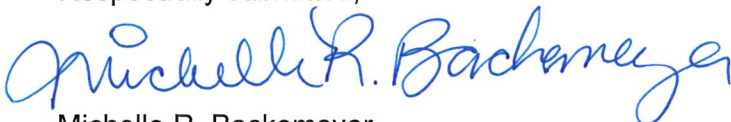
The alley to be vacated is approximately 13 feet in width by 90 feet in length and includes approximately 1,170 square feet. The property was viewed by the writer but is not accessible as it is currently fenced in by the applicant. The surface is broken up concrete and has what appears to be an old utility pole located in the alley. The staff report notes no utilities are located in the alley.

The property is zoned H-3 and is within an area of industrial uses and some residential uses north and south of the area. The industrial uses are associated with the former railroad line that used to traverse through the neighborhood but is now City bike trail starting on the east side of 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The writer has knowledge of comparable sales in the \$4.00/sf range. Small narrow strips such as the one being vacated rarely have any value to anyone except the abutting landowner. In this case, it is not expected any purchaser would be willing to pay more than 20% of fee value for assemblage. With that, the area to be vacated is calculated as follows:

$$1,170 \text{ sf} \times \$4.00/\text{sf} \times 20\% = \$936.00$$

Therefore, if the area is to be vacated, it is recommended that the area be sold to the applicant for \$936.00.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Backemeyer  
Real Estate & Relocation Assistance Agent

**From:** [Stephanie L. Rouse](#)  
**Subject:** June 8 Mayors Neighborhood Roundtable  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2026 9:49:18 AM

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Good morning all,

Below is the agenda for the June 8 Mayors Neighborhood Roundtable meeting focusing on the FY26-28 budget.

- June 8 Agenda: [https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2026\\_june-8-mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-agenda.pdf](https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2026_june-8-mayors-neighborhood-roundtable-agenda.pdf)
- May 11 Meeting Notes: [https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2026\\_may-11-mayors-nrt-meeting-notes.pdf](https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v1/urban-development/neighborhoods/roundtable/2026_may-11-mayors-nrt-meeting-notes.pdf)



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**From:** [Rae B. Kreutzer](#)  
**To:** [Daley C. Eldorado](#); [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Shanna M. Eckman](#); [Liza A. Alderman](#); [Carmen J. Flynn](#); [Kasey L. Simonson](#); [Brandi R. Lehl](#); [Angela Y. Lemke](#); [Kristi K. Nydahl](#); [Hallie E. Salem](#); [Stephanie L. Rouse](#)  
**Cc:** [Mairead Rew](#); [Justin R. Kohmetscher](#); [Tommy D. Trotter](#)  
**Subject:** Strengthening Communication Across Departments  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2026 2:56:25 PM

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Hello Everyone,

City Communications is creating a new coordination group called Public Information & Communication Access (PICA) to work alongside our existing Public Information Officers (PIOs). The PICA role is primarily intended to help streamline coordination and communication between departments without assigned information specialists and City Communications.

You are receiving this email because City Communications believes you may be the best candidate to represent your department in this role. This is intended to be a limited coordination and liaison role – not a major addition to your workload.

To begin, this group will help coordinate the new Canva Enterprise rollout by:

- Helping coordinate authorized Canva seat access and users within their department
- Helping route Canva questions, support requests, or review needs through the appropriate channels
- Receiving rollout updates, training information, and future template/library resources from City Communications

Canva user authorization/seat decisions will still remain under department leadership and budget authority.

This group may also help share other communication-related updates, resources, tools, and best practices across departments. To support this effort, City Communications will create a Teams group where the majority of communications will be held.

Occasionally, updates from City Communications or Canva Enterprise may need to be passed along to relevant staff. In some departments, that may include Canva users or communications-adjacent team members, while in others it may stay within a smaller leadership or coordination group. We suggest that you discuss with managers and department directors about how these types of communication-related information should be shared within your department.

If another individual within your department would be a better fit for this role, please coordinate with your department director or manager, and contact City Communications to ensure the contact list is updated.

Thank you for your support as we continue improving communication coordination and resources across the City.

Thanks,



**Rae Kreutzer (She/Her)**

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**Cc:** [Shanda H. Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** Finance End of Year Deadlines memo for FY 2025/2026  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2026 8:25:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [Finance Year End Memo 2026.pdf](#)

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Good Morning!

Please find attached the Finance Year End Memo 2026 which lists some important End of Year deadlines for Finance FY 2025/2026 Budget. Please forward to anyone who may need to know these deadline dates.

Thank you,



**Holly Cole**  
Accounting Supervisor  
City of Lincoln  
Finance Department

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Hours: M-F 7:00am – 3:30pm

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## FINANCE- INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS

**DATE:** June 1, 2026

**TO:** All Departments/Divisions

**FROM:** Finance Department

**SUBJECT:** End of Year deadlines for payment vouchers, requisitions, budget, etc., **to be charged to FY2025/2026 Budget**

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**PURCHASE REQUISITIONS** - In order to close-out the fiscal year, a PO must be executed by **Monday, August 17, 2026**. To achieve this, requisition cut-offs will be as follows:

All purchases that require a bid/quote and subsequent purchase order must be entered into JDE by **Wednesday, June 17, 2026**. This includes any purchase over \$50,000.00. Remember, if you believe it is going to be close to the \$50,000.00 threshold, it is best to use the Formal Bid Process as quotes that come in over \$50,000.00 are rejected and a new formal bid issued.

Any requisition submitted for PO from contract must be entered into JDE by Monday, August 10, 2026. **Any requisition entered after August 10<sup>th</sup> will be held and processed after September 1, 2026.**

Deadlines have been set to allow time for EO's, DO's, and any other approvals that may be required to complete a PO.

**PAYMENT VOUCHERS, INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS AND ESTIMATES FOR PAYMENTS** must be received in Finance no later than **Wednesday, August 19, 2026**. Even though the above Payment Vouchers will be charged to August expenditures, a check may not be written until September. The Accounts Payable module in JDE will be shut down from August 20<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Vouchering will resume September 1<sup>st</sup> for the new fiscal year.

**MISCELLANEOUS ENCUMBRANCES (other than purchase orders and contracts which are entered into JDE)** must be submitted **to the attention of Melinda Jones** in writing by 4:30 on **Wednesday, August 5, 2026**, for review. Keep in mind that encumbrances must be covered by a contract. Requests to reappropriate balances that are not encumbered by PO or Miscellaneous Encumbrance through the budget resolution are due to the Budget Office on **Friday, July 3, 2026**.

**TRAVEL ADVANCES:** If a trip ends before the end of August, please get the expense statement and any money to be returned to Finance Accounting no later than **12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026**, so that the return money can be credited to the 2025-2026 budget, otherwise it will be considered a prior-year refund in 2026-2027.

**P-CARD PURCHASES:** P-Card transactions will need to post to the August Statement to be charged against the current year budget. The billing cycle closes on August 25<sup>th</sup>, so we recommend payments be made before August 18<sup>th</sup>. P-Card transactions that do not post to the August Statement will be charged to the 2026-2027 budget.

**Purchase Orders (PO) should not be paid with a P-Card now or during the fiscal year. You need to voucher against the PO in order to release the encumbrance. P-Cards do not release an encumbrance.**

Any of the above documents not received by the appropriate deadline will be considered 2026-2027 business.

If you have any questions, please call Pete Kroll at 441-8309 or [pkroll@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:pkroll@lincoln.ne.gov) regarding the purchasing procedures, Stephanie Sargent at 441-7478 or [ssargent@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ssargent@lincoln.ne.gov) for Purchase Card procedures, and Melinda Jones at 441-8302 or [mjones@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mjones@lincoln.ne.gov) or your department's assigned Accounting Supervisor regarding the accounting procedures.

**From:** [Sue K Burgason](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [Yohance L. Christie](#); [Abigail F. Littrell](#); [Sarah J. Rada](#); [Nicholas T. Bussey](#)  
**Subject:** Claims against the City set for Public Hearing 6/01/2026  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026 10:22:22 AM  
**Attachments:** [26R-247 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[26R-247 Claims Report.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Monge & Associates re Kenneth Burley Claim 5.01.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Sierra Boole re Claim 5.01.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to CMR re Allo Claim 2226455 5.13.2026.pdf](#)

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Ben: Attached is Resolution and Claims Report that is set for public hearing on June 1, 2026, and letters to claimants that are on the list of denied claims.



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RESOLUTION NO. A-\_\_\_\_\_

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:  
 2 That claims against City of Lincoln listed in attached report marked as Exhibit  
 3 "A" dated May 14, 2026, of new and pending tort claims filed with the Office of  
 4 City Attorney or the Office of City Clerk, as well as claims which have been  
 5 disposed of, are hereby received as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-905  
 6 (Reissue 1997). The dispositions of claims by the Office of City Attorney as  
 7 shown in attached report are hereby approved:

	<u>DENIED CLAIMS</u>	<u>SETTLED CLAIMS</u>
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9	Kenneth Burley \$150,000.00	Caden Dirks \$2,315.22
10	Sierra Bogle 7,674.34	Phillip Greenwood 955.72
11	CMR o/b/o Allo 717.39	Charles Schuerman 500.00

12 The City Attorney is hereby directed to mail to claimants listed herein a  
 13 copy of this resolution which shows final disposition of their claim.

Introduced by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form and Legality:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2026:  _____ Mayor
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May 14, 2026

Mayor & City Council  
Lincoln, Nebraska

RE: Report of Claims Against City of Lincoln for May 1 through May 14, 2026

Dear Mayor & Council:

The following is a report of claims against City of Lincoln which have been disposed of, or are pending, for period of May 1 through May 14, 2026. This report will describe claims and dispositions or status of these claims.

**DENIED CLAIMS:**

**Kenneth Burley** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$150,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Sierra Bogle** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$7,674.34 for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**CMR on behalf of Allo** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$717.39 for alleged damage to Allo property as the result of sewer repair. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**ALLOWED AND SETTLED CLAIMS:**

**Caden Dirks** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$3,054.87 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran van. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$2,315.22.

**Phillip Greenwood** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$955.72 for damage to vehicle when struck by book cart in parking lot at Anderson Library. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$955.72.

**Charles Schuerman** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$500.00 for expense related to alleged water service leak. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$500.00.

**PENDING CLAIMS:**

**Joshua James Smallfoot** filed claim during the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$50,000 alleging excessive force by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of June 2023 in an unspecified amount for alleged damage to Windstream cable during installation of electrical lines. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of August 2023 in an unspecified amount for alleged damage to Windstream cable during installation of electrical lines. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Jack Wickline** filed claim during the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$50,100 for alleged injury incurred when arrested by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jamaal McNeil** filed claim during the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$25,050,000 for alleged damages relating to his arrest. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Theresa Lemons** filed claim during the month of April 2024 in the amount of \$100,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant's scooter tipped over while she was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kyra Miller** filed claim during the month of April 2024 in the amount of \$12,500 for vehicle sold at police auction. This claim is under review and is pending.

**RG Hall LP** filed claim during the month of May 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to property as the result of fallen tree. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Evan LaBouef** filed claim during the month of June 2024 in the amount of \$50.00 for loss incurred due to disconnection of electrical power in error. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Mackenzie Quinn** filed claim during the month of June 2024 in an unspecified amount for injury incurred as the result of accident involving a Health Department vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lucas Long** filed claim during the month of August 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Joelle Paige** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred when claimant fell as she was exiting StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Eric Baer** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lisa Study** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage allegedly incurred to property during police investigation. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Laura Marshall** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for alleged damages incurred due to claimant's arrest by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Foundation for Education Services** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$10,305.32 for damage incurred in basement of building due to flooding that occurred in an L.E.S. vault during a heavy rainstorm. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Kayla Lee** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$11,357.00 for property damage and alleged emotional distress incurred as the result of no-knock warrant executed by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lee Cosby** filed claim during the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$800,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of his arrest. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kristopher Cody Koebel** filed nine claims during the month of December 2024 totaling \$26,500,000 alleging excessive force and unlawful conduct by Lincoln police and other law enforcement agencies. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Old Dominion Freight Line** filed claim during the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$12,195.79 for property damage incurred as the result of the accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kathleen Pfeffer** filed claim during the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$110.00 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as the result of claimant's fall as she was getting on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**First Dakota Indemnity Company as third party administrator of The Bridge of Nebraska Inc.** filed claim during the month of March 2025 for workers compensation benefits paid on behalf of injured employee LaNita Nelson as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**William Burda** filed claim during the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$105.50 for damage to sprinkler system during L.E.S. pole installation. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Pamela Prater** filed claim during the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$8,218.09 for damage to property as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is pending.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of May 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to Windstream property. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Christine Grandgenett** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving Lincoln police vehicle. In April 2026, claimant made demand in the amount of \$200,000. **Progressive Insurance as subrogee of Christine Grandgenett** filed a subrogation claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$5,000 for medical payments made on behalf of insured as a result of the accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Allstate Insurance as subrogee of Hoi Wong and Er Fong Wong** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in an unspecified amount for medical payments on behalf of insured's driver as the result of accident involving Parks vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Claudia Perez** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred when claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Arianna Banspach** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$201.30 for damage to tire as the result of pothole. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Mark Bosak** filed claim during the month of August 2025 an unspecified amount for injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Geury Brito** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$1,680.00 for damage to windshield of vehicle that claimant was transporting when it was struck by tree limb overhanging street. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jeffrey Luis Lopez** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$250,000 alleging unlawful arrest and excessive force by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Yosha Brown** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$6,500 for injury incurred to daughter when scooter she was riding flipped on an uneven sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**James William Quinn** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$284.95 for damage to fence as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Trenton Rohde** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$150,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Lionel Brown** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$1,300.00 for proceeds from sale of vehicle at auction. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hannah Middleton** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving police vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lannette Griffin-Mack** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$1,250.00 for tree limb removal expense and damage to two vehicles as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Richard Brown** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,118.76 for injury incurred as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hunter Robertson** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,065.74 for medical expenses incurred while claimant was in police custody. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ronald Pointer** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged illegal tow of vehicle and false incarceration. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ronald Pointer** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged failure by Lincoln police to investigate an assault that claimant reported to Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Charles Rethmeier** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,027.89 for damage to vehicle when struck by mower. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jack Kirkland Jr.** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$5,170.00 for tree limb removal expense and damage to property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Dillon Ballagh** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of fall from wheelchair while claimant was passenger on StarTran van. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Olga Kanne** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$1,452.00 for damage to driveway and sidewalk as the result of tree removal. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Sharon Schmidt** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jackie Prater** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to fence when allegedly struck by City mower. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ace Electric** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$1,986.00 for damage to property by L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Terry Herman** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$2,317.05 for damage to vehicle when struck by concrete. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lakeisha Thomas** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was exiting StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Betty Rodriguez** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$5,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was passenger on StarTran bus that was involved in an accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jade and Alex Wolfe** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$9,830.46 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving Lincoln Fire and Rescue vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Marc and Jennifer Odgaard** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$700.00 for loss of use of driveway and garage during street repairs. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Marcos Green** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**American Family as subrogee of Susan Zabloski** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Quinton Thew** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for loss of income as the result of accident involving City snowplow. This claim is under review and is pending.

**FMNE Insurance as subrogee of Robert and Sheri Wolfe** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$10,327.41 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kevin Lindquist** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to mailbox when struck by tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hitomi and Thomas Robinson** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for damages incurred as the result of alleged failure to provide and maintain adequate security measures at parking garage. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Estate of Eleazar Oceguela** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 alleging wrongful death due to alleged negligence by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Eleazar Antonio Oceguela and Aliya Jo Oceguela** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 alleging wrongful death due to alleged negligence by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Akil Awad Al-Dhary** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$3,600.00 alleging description of vehicle purchased at police auction was incorrect. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Katie Black** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$500.00 for damage to fence when struck by tree limb from tree that was being trimmed by City Forestry personnel. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Max Westerholt** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$4,432.35 for damage to sewer line by L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Kurt Kodad** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$1,000 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving City snowplow. This claim is under review and is pending.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of March 2026 the amount of \$1,211.41 for alleged damage to Windstream cable during installation of pole. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Allstate Insurance as subrogee of Mark and Melanie Newhouse** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$7,949.25 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving Lincoln police vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lisa Gordon** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Cesar Gomez** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$2,413.13 for damage to vehicle when L.E.S. employee dropped a tool on it. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Daniel and Mary Anne Young** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$435.50 for damage to roof from sagging L.E.S. power line. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Andrea Bray** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$350.00 for damage to windshield of vehicle when struck by errant golf ball from Mahoney Golf Course. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Matthew Pewthers** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$205.73 for damage to property when struck by tree limb from tree that was being removed by City Forestry personnel. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Judy Johnson** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury incurred when claimant fell on StarTran van. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kimberly Harris** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$4,500.00 for injury incurred when claimant fell on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Sandra Buchenau** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$370.00 for damage to windshield of vehicle when struck by errant golf ball from Mahoney Golf Course. This claim is under review and is pending.

**David Moffatt** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$3,819.00 for damage to mailbox as the result of street repair activity. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Michael Doeden** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$300.00 for damage to sprinkler system as the result of tree removal activity. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jordan Gomez** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of striking an alleged unmarked L.E.S. cable. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Elias Long** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$400.00 for damage to windshield of vehicle when struck by errant golf ball from Mahoney Golf Course. This claim is under review and is pending.

**United States Postal Service** filed claim during the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$264.56 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**NEW CLAIMS FILED DURING PERIOD OF MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 14, 2026:**

**Linda and Acie Bettinger** filed claim in an unspecified amount for damage to sprinkler system when L.E.S. was burying electrical wires on property. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Rose Medina** filed claim in an unspecified amount for damage to patio when L.E.S. drove on claimant's property to access transformer box on neighbor's property. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Raymond Hill** filed claim in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus that was involving in accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Eric Knoll** filed claim in the amount of \$200.00 for damage to mailbox when struck by City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jeannine Oliver** filed claim in the amount of \$179.00 for damage to sprinkler system as the result of curb repair activity. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Timothy Kohls** filed claim in the amount of \$91.91 for damage to sprinkler system during installation of sign. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lillian Tangeman** filed claim in the amount of \$150,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Wade and Kristin Fornander** filed claim in the amount of \$23,859.00 for damages incurred as the result of L.E.S. encroaching on sewer line. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**PENDING TORT LITIGATION:**

**Marc Timmins** filed claim during the month of February 2024 in the amount of \$500,000 for damages incurred as the result of motor vehicle accident that claimant alleges occurred due to lack of signage and street lighting at a roundabout. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Kalyn Thomson and Adam Thomson** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$500,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving police vehicle. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Fernando Figueroa** filed claim during the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$50,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. **Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. on behalf of Old Dominion Freight Line** filed a subrogation claim in the amount of \$27,767.86 for workers compensation benefits paid as the result of injury sustained by Fernando Figueroa who was an employee/driver of semitruck owned by Old Dominion Freight Line that was involved in the accident. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Brendan Welch** filed claim during the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$2,342.58 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. Suit was filed in Lancaster County Court. Litigation is pending.

**Nathan Hinds** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving an alleged vehicle pursuit by Lincoln police. Suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Jordan Tyrance** filed suit in Lancaster County Court for injury incurred as the result of accident involving a Parks vehicle. Litigation is pending.

**Erica Brent** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$60,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim was reviewed by this office and denied. Suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

Submitted by City Law Department



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

May 1, 2026


Steven Gage  
Monge & Associates



RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln, NE by Kenneth Burley

Dear Mr. Gage:

This is in response to the above-referenced claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on October 23, 2025, and settlement demand received on April 20, 2026. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

I have had an opportunity to investigate this claim for alleged injury incurred when your client was a passenger on a StarTran bus on October 20, 2025, including video of the incident on the bus. You may view video footage of the incident at this link: . This link will expire May 31, 2026.

I have also reviewed the medical records provided with the settlement demand. Although an incident may have occurred while your client was on a StarTran bus, video footage of the incident and medical records provided do not support the contention that Mr. Burley suffered any injury as alleged in his claim. Therefore, based on the information available to me, this claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider this claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov).

Sincerely,

Abigail F. Littrell  
Assistant City Attorney  
402-441-7281  
[alittrell@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:alittrell@lincoln.ne.gov)



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

May 1, 2026

Sierra Bogle  
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Bogle:

This is in response to your claim received in this office on March 21, 2026, for damage to your vehicle as the result of a fallen tree branch on June 20, 2025. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council. In order for a claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that the City of Lincoln or its employees failed to act or acted in a negligent manner, or in this case, that the City should have acted to remove, trim branches, or treat the subject tree and failed to do so.

You indicated that you notified City Forestry of your concerns regarding the tree in June 2023, May 2024, August 2024, and May 2025. I have had an opportunity to investigate your claim with City Forestry personnel. City Forestry personnel indicates that Inspectors assessed the tree in response to reported concerns in July 2023 and May 2024. Inspectors determined the tree did not need to be trimmed or removed during these inspections. Inspectors assessed the tree again in July 2025. Inspectors determined the tree would be put on the list to be pruned but there were no issues with the tree that indicated that the pruning needed to be done immediately. It appears that the limb falling on June 20, 2025, was due to strong winds.

The City of Lincoln understands the inconvenience and financial impact you have incurred as the result of this incident, however, because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, this office can only recommend to the Lincoln City Council payment of claims in which there exists a legal basis to establish liability. Because there is no basis to conclude that the City was negligent, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the Lincoln City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, May 29, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

Sarah Rada  
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City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

May 13, 2026

Michelle Kellum  
Claims Management Resources

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln, NE  
ALLO Claim Number: 2226455  
Damage Date: 9/23/2024  
Damage Location: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Kellum:

This is in response to the above-referenced claim received in the City of Lincoln Clerk's Office on April 24, 2026, alleging damage to ALLO property on September 23, 2024, purportedly during a sewer repair. It is this office's responsibility to investigate claims against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

City of Lincoln records show that the work in that location and time was completed by a contractor, rather than employees of the City. Moreover, the statute of limitations has passed for this claim to be filed. Claims against the City of Lincoln under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act must be filed with the City within one (1) year of the date of the occurrence. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-919(1). Because the statute of limitations for filing a tort claim against the City of Lincoln has expired, this claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider this claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov).

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Forms & Workflow](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** Council Comment - Meredith Killion  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 10:15:42 AM  
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## Council Comment - Meredith Killion

Meredith Killion has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

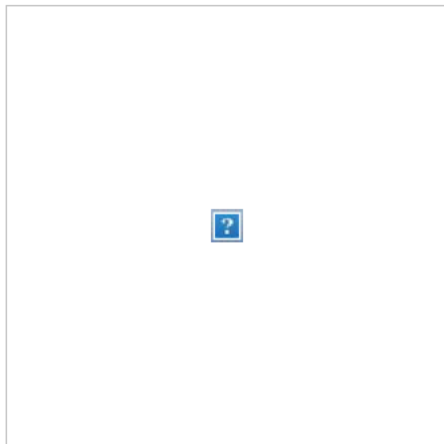
Name	Meredith Killion
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	<p>I am very excited about the Belmont neighborhood getting some much needed updates from the city. Our bridges, parks, and the Belmont Community Center have needed attention/renovations/redevelopment for many years!</p> <p>I would love to see an indoor roller skating rink be a priority in the Belmont plan. A space large enough for the youth and adult roller derby leagues to host weekly practices and seasonal tournaments that bring in traveling teams from out-of-state. Travelers that will spend money in Lincoln on hotels and restaurants. Also, the Lincoln community has shown great interest in having an indoor roller skating rink back in the city and I believe Belmont would be the perfect location!</p> <p>How does Lincoln have the National Museum of Roller Skating but no indoor skating rink?!</p>

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**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** Council Comment - Hannah Killion  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 5:49:23 PM  
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## Council Comment - Hannah Killion

Hannah Killion has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Hannah Killion
Phone number	
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	Can we PLEASE get an indoor roller skating rink as part of the Belmont Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan!? I play youth roller derby and we don't have a place to practice and host tournaments.



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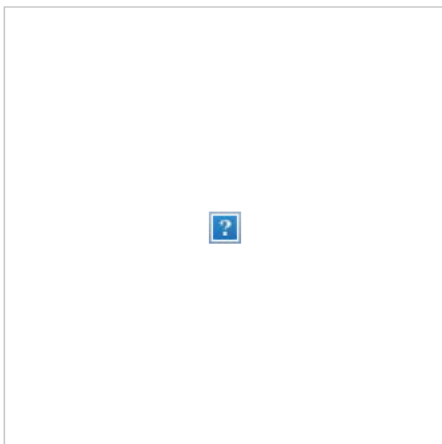
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**From:** [Forms & Workflow](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** Council Comment - Deb Chrisp  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 7:33:00 PM  
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## Council Comment - Deb Chrisp

Deb Chrisp has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Deb Chrisp
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	As a person who was born and raised in Belmont and is serving on committees for the redevelopment plan I ask you to please give this serious consideration.This neighborhood is long overdo.Thank you for your time.Sincerely Deborah Hester Chrisp



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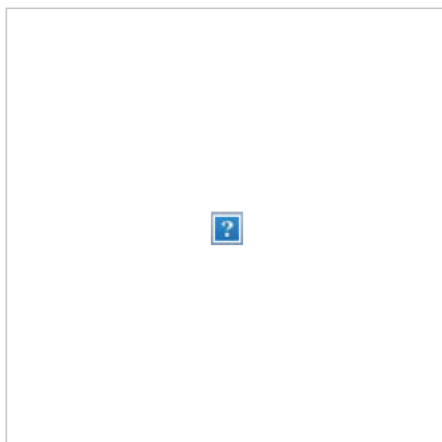
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**Subject:** Council Comment - Gabe  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 10:20:11 PM  
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## Council Comment - Gabe

Gabe has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Gabe
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Your comment	Belmonts bridges do need to be fixed and updated especially the Bridge on 14th and Cornhusker, the Bridge also leading to the dog park on Adams street and Bridges within the Belmont area. Driving on them for a living becomes a risk to safety. With everyone talking about safety & healthy lifestyle these bridges are a must correct. That with all the round-a-bouts we need direct the flow of traffic in school zone traffic piles up badly.



**From:** [Robert Borer](#)  
**To:** [Robert Borer](#)  
**Subject:** The Evidentiary Election Manifesto (Executive Edition)  
**Date:** Thursday, May 28, 2026 7:23:05 AM

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Dear Fellow Citizens, Friends of Liberty, and Servants of the Public Trust:

## Chapter I: The Evidentiary Election

The foundational crisis of the modern American election does not reside in a dispute over numbers, but in a profound, systemic category error. For a generation, the bureaucratic class has operated under the assumption that an election is merely an administrative sorting mechanism—a logistical exercise in data processing where the twin gods of speed and convenience reign supreme. Under this paradigm, the citizen's role ends at the ballot slot, and the state's duty is fulfilled by the presentation of a digital printout. We are told to accept the final tally not because we witnessed its calculation, but because we are assured the machinery is certified.

This is a catastrophic misunderstanding of a sovereign people's right to self-governance.

An election is not an administrative procedure; it is a judicial-grade fact-finding mission. It is an adversarial proceeding where candidates seek to alter the status quo—vying for the authority to claim a mandate to govern, to direct public funds, and to wield the coercive power of law. In any other legal proceeding where liberty and power are at stake, the state is required to produce best evidence, submit to cross-examination, and prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

Yet, in the singular act meant to legitimize a government, we tolerate a complete vacuum of evidence.

We do not seek a "verifiable" election—a passive term that implies looking backward at a digital trail after the fact to see if the machine behaved. We demand an Evidentiary Election. An evidentiary election is one constructed from the ground up so that the process itself constitutes the proof.

This demand rests upon the foundational principle of Radical Legibility. A system possesses radical legibility when its operations, inputs, and outputs are entirely scannable by the ordinary human eye, requiring no technological interpreter, no specialized priesthood, and no proprietary code to decipher. If the record of a vote cannot be verified by the unassisted human eye at the moment of tabulation, it is not evidence; it is a declaration of faith in a black box. **"Consent" is a legal transaction. In any other contract, if the terms or calculations are hidden, the contract is void. The same applies to government.**

## Chapter II: The Five Pillars of Evidentiary Law

To transform the current administrative illusion into a true Evidentiary Election, the process must be subjected to the time-tested rules of common-law evidence. We propose five immutable pillars:

## **1. The Foundation of Eligibility (The Authenticated Roll)**

Before a document can be admitted into evidence, a foundation must be laid proving its authenticity. In an election, the foundation is the voter registration roll. A single fraudulent or phantom name on a voter roll dilutes the lawful vote of a living citizen, constitutes an illegal taking of political sovereignty, and taints the entire proceeding.

To lay a proper foundation, we must enforce a strict dead-man protocol: a strict continuous purge of the deceased and relocated from our voter rolls, backed by documentary proof of citizenship as an absolute prerequisite for entry. When the polls open, this foundation must be physically verified at the precinct table through Positive Visual Identification. The voter must prove who they are to their neighbors acting as clerks, and their presence must be recorded on a physical, static ledger before a ballot is issued. If the foundation is compromised, the verdict of the election is inherently void.

We recognize that a just society must accommodate the infirmed, the bedridden, and those physically incapable of appearing at the precinct table. However, these necessary accommodations must remain the strict exception, never the administrative rule. In our current era, the exception has been weaponized to swallow the rule entirely—a subversion that degrades the integrity of the whole. Compassion cannot become a loophole for illegibility. For these citizens, the state must deploy a decentralized, bi-partisan verification protocol—bringing the precinct ledger and the secure ballot directly to the voter, witnessed by representatives of competing interests. The chain of custody for an incapacitated citizen must be just as visible, human-audited, and verifiable as it is for the healthy. We do not lower the standard of evidence; we simply extend the perimeter of the court.

## **2. The Best Evidence Rule (The Original Writ)**

A core maxim of legal evidence states that to prove the content of a writing, recording, or photograph, the original must be produced. In self-governance, the Best Evidence is the original physical ballot, marked by the hand of the voter on secure, watermarked paper stock.

Digital images, electronic signals, thermal tape printouts, and centralized database entries are not the original writ—they are downstream copies, susceptible to manipulation, software glitches, and systemic calibration errors. Furthermore, the Best Evidence Rule requires a Closed-Loop Ledger. Every single sheet of watermarked paper delivered to a precinct must be accounted for mathematically:

Total Paper Sent = Voted Ballots + Spoiled Ballots + Unvoted Ballots

If this equation does not balance perfectly before counting begins, the chain of evidence is broken, and the contents of the box cannot be legally trusted.

## **3. Strict Chain of Custody (The Localized Precinct)**

In a court of law, if the state cannot account for the whereabouts and security of a piece of evidence every second from its seizure to its presentation, that evidence is suppressed. Modern election administration has turned the systematic breaking of the chain of custody into a routine practice. Ballots are placed into bins, loaded into vehicles, and driven across counties to centralized tabulation centers, creating structural blind spots where the physical security of

the vote is hidden from public view.

An Evidentiary Election mandates that evidence never leaves the sight of the public until its value has been legally recorded. At the opening of the polls, the ballot box must be verified as empty in the presence of multi-partisan observers, then locked and sealed; only then may voting begin and ballots be deposited.

Most critically, the ballots must be counted where they are cast—at the local precinct level. The moment evidence is transported before it is tallied, an unacceptable vulnerability is introduced, and the integrity of the chain is shattered.

#### **4. The Right of Cross-Examination (The Manual Tally)**

The greatest engine ever invented for the discovery of truth is the right to cross-examine. In an election, cross-examination is executed through the manual precinct count. It is the active, adversarial verification of the evidence by representatives of competing interests.

When a ballot is removed from the box, it must be held up and read aloud so that observers from all parties can physically witness the mark. The tally must be recorded simultaneously by multiple clerks on physical hash-sheets. This is not an administrative burden; it is the citizen's right to interrogate the state's claim to a vote. Once the precinct count is complete, the results must be certified on the spot, signed by all officials, and a copy immediately posted publicly at the precinct entryway and recorded on an immutable local ledger. This anchors the data publicly before any centralized reporting can occur, preventing the midnight alteration of numbers.

#### **5. The Exclusion of Hearsay (The Rejection of Electronic Intermediaries)**

In a courtroom, hearsay is excluded because you cannot cross-examine an out-of-court statement. Our election system violates this foundational rule by introducing ultimate electronic hearsay. A digital optical scanner or centralized tabulator is an out-of-court assertion—written in proprietary code by unseen programmers—offered as absolute proof of the count without a single day of cross-examination.

When a computer chip reads a ballot, it generates a digital statement—a line of code that says, "This voter selected Candidate A." The citizen cannot cross-examine the chip. They cannot look inside the silicon to verify if the proprietary software, guarded by corporate trade secrets, processed the mark accurately or if a hidden algorithm shifted a decimal point. To base the legitimacy of an election on a machine tape is to accept unreviewable hearsay. An Evidentiary Election excludes the machine entirely from the primary count. The paper must speak for itself, directly to the citizens who sit as the jury of the process.

### **Chapter III: The False Idol of Administrative Efficiency**

The immediate defense mounted by the managerial class against a hand-tallied, precinct-level election is always the same: it is too slow, too cumbersome, and too inefficient. They warn that counting by hand will delay results, cost more money, and cause administrative friction.

To this objection, we must reply with absolute candor: **Friction is not a flaw; it is a design feature of a free Republic.**

Our constitutional order was intentionally engineered with checks, balances, and procedural roadblocks designed explicitly to slow down the exercise of power and prevent the consolidation of authority. Tyranny thrives on seamless execution. When a system is streamlined, centralizing control over it becomes effortless. The demand for frictionless, push-button election reporting is a surrender to a false idol. A sovereign people should gladly exchange speed for certainty, and efficiency for liberty. A process that requires time, human labor, and intense community vigilance is precisely what transforms an unverified administrative transaction into a sacred, binding public covenant.

## **Chapter IV: The Sovereign Right of Concurrent Consent**

Critics will argue that even if a single state like Nebraska adopts a pristine, hand-tallied Evidentiary Election, the national result remains vulnerable. They point out that a massive, high-population state utilizing opaque, machine-driven, and poorly verified voting methods can easily overwhelm Nebraska's choices in a presidential race or a federal landscape. They say:

"It profits us naught to clean our own house if our neighbors throw their dirt into the common well."

This argument misses the entire architecture of our constitutional republic. The United States is not a single, centralized democracy where the national majority rules; it is a federation of sovereign states. This brings us to the crux of Local Control vs. Administrative Subdivision. A county is not a mere field office of the state capitol, and a state is not an administrative field office of Washington D.C. They are distinct, sovereign political blocks.

Under our Constitution, the states are meant to serve as independent laboratories of democracy. They possess explicit, absolute authority to govern their own elections. This structure protects us from the tyranny of a raw national majority through the principle of Concurrent Consent. For a federal union to possess legitimate authority, it must have the individual consent of its sovereign parts, each verifying its own records from scratch before passing that consent upward.

If other states choose to abdicate their duty, surrender their sovereignty to corporate vendors, and accept electronic hearsay as their standard of truth, that is their tragedy. But their descent into illegibility does not bind Nebraska to follow them off the cliff. Nebraska has a sovereign obligation to protect its citizens from having their voices diluted by unverified data streams from across state lines. By establishing a rigorous, transparent, and completely human-audited election model, Nebraska can draw a line in the sand. It can demonstrate that true security is achievable, proving that a sovereign people can—and must—verify their own consent without permission from a centralized apparatus.

## **Chapter V: The Verdict**

We stand at a critical fork in the road of our state's history. We can continue down the path of administrative convenience, outsourcing the core mechanic of our liberty to proprietary software and centralized tally centers, pretending that a digital printout is the equivalent of truth. Or, we can reclaim our heritage of self-governance by establishing a system where power is forced to prove its mandate in the open light of day, step by step, ballot by ballot, before the eyes of the community.

The five pillars of an Evidentiary Election do not place an unreasonable burden upon the state. They simply shift the burden of proof back to where it legally belongs: upon the government that claims the right to rule. Let the paper speak. Let the neighbors count. Let the evidence be clear, native, and indisputable.

Why should a free people ever settle for anything less?

Respectfully submitted,

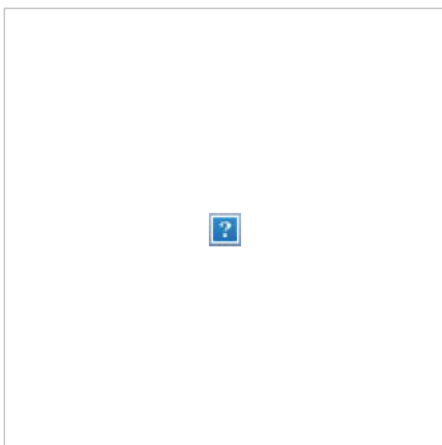
Robert J. Borer

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## Council Comment - Anonymous

Anonymous has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Anonymous
Phone number	
Email address	
Your comment	I work for a major, local construction company and pay their bills. My home water bill has doubled of the last few billing cycles while our commercial property water bills have not increased. I pay more for my home use than our business maintenance/vehicle shop! Why hasn't the city increase the water and and waste water rates for commercial businesses?



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SANDBOX SHARE  
BRONZE AWARD PROJECT

GIRL SCOUT HONOR TROOP 28274



Dear City Council,

Thank you for all your time and support. You have been very beneficial to our Bronze award project, Sand box share. We could not have done it without you, and we fully appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,

Joyce 

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