



**NOTICE OF CANDIDACY**  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 FORSYTH COUNTY

ELECTION MUNICIPAL  
 ELECTION DATE 11/03/2015  
 JURISDICTION MUNICIPALITY JURISDICTION VALUE BT

**FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS I FELONY UNDER CHAPTER 163 OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES.**

TO: FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Candidate ID: 9CQKN5  
 RE: NOTICE OF CANDIDACY FOR OFFICE OF: TOWN OF BETHANIA COMMISSIONER

**CANDIDATE'S NOTICE AND PLEDGE**

(select appropriate checkbox and complete section based on the contest for which you are filing your notice of candidacy)

PARTISAN CONTESTS  
 (Federal, State, County or Municipal)

I hereby file notice as a candidate for nomination as \_\_\_\_\_ in District \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ party primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ I affiliate with the \_\_\_\_\_ party, and I certify that I am now registered on the registration records of the precinct in which I reside as an affiliate of the \_\_\_\_\_ party. I further certify that I have not changed my political party affiliation within the past ninety (90) days, nor have I changed from "unaffiliated" status to my current affiliation with the past ninety (90) days. I pledge that if I am defeated in the primary, I will not run for the same office as a write-in candidate in the next general election.

NON-PARTISAN CONTESTS

I hereby file notice as a candidate for election to the office of TOWN OF BETHANIA COMMISSIONER in District \_\_\_\_\_ in the MUNICIPAL Election to be held on 11/03/2015 in FORSYTH County.

JUDICIAL CONTESTS

I hereby file notice as a candidate for election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ to succeed \_\_\_\_\_ (Name and District if applicable), in the regular election to be conducted \_\_\_\_\_. I certify that I am now registered on the registration records of the precinct in which I reside. I understand that if required by G.S. § 163-322, a non-partisan primary is scheduled to be conducted on \_\_\_\_\_ My N.C. State Bar No. is \_\_\_\_\_.

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

MICHELLE MERRITT LEONARD  
 Full Legal Name  
 5575 MAIN ST  
 Residential Address  
 BETHANIA, NC 27010  
 City, State and Zip  
 (336) 924-3273  
 Home Phone

Michelle Merritt Leonard  
 Name to Appear on Ballot  
 PO BOX 261  
 Mailing Address  
 BETHANIA, NC 27010  
 City, State and Zip  
 Business Phone  
 Email Address

**FELONY DISCLOSURE**

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  YES  NO

If you have been convicted of a felony, you are required to complete the "Candidate Felony Disclosure" form within 48 hours of submitting this notice. GS § 163-106. The required form can be obtained from any election office or from the NC State Board of Elections website at [www.NCSBE.gov](http://www.NCSBE.gov). A prior felony conviction does not preclude holding elected office if rights of citizenship have been restored. Felony conviction need not be disclosed if the conviction was dismissed as a result of reversal on appeal or resulted in a pardon of innocence or expungement.

**AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO NICKNAME**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have been duly sworn, hereby state under oath that I have been commonly known by the nickname, \_\_\_\_\_ for at least five years and request that my name be placed on the ballot as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Legal Name  
 Nickname  
 Name to Appear on Ballot  
 In the event that another candidate with the same last name as mine files notice of candidacy for the same office for which I am a candidate, my name should be listed as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Legal name and nickname)

**CANDIDATE'S AFFIRMATION**

I swear or affirm that the statements on this form are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge or belief.

*Michelle Merritt Leonard*  
 Signature of Candidate

07/07/2015  
 Date

CERTIFICATION OF AFFIDAVIT OF NICKNAME  
(if applicable)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

I hereby certify that, \_\_\_\_\_ the candidate who signed the AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING TO NICKNAME, personally appeared before me this day and signed this document in my presence.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

X  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires

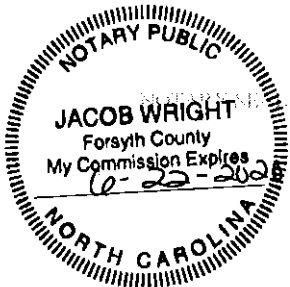
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, FORSYTH COUNTY

I hereby certify that, MICHELLE MERRITT LEONARD, the candidate who signed this NOTICE OF CANDIDACY, personally appeared before me this day and signed this document in my presence or acknowledged his/her signature to be the same.

Date: 07/07/2015



X  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Certifying Officer (or Notary)  
Jacob Wright  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Certifying Officer (or Notary)  
Notary Public  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Certifying Officer  
6-22-2020  
\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires

VERIFICATION BY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The undersigned has examined the voter registration records in FORSYTH COUNTY and found that MICHELLE MERRITT LEONARD

- Is a registered voter in this county.
- (Municipal Contests Only) Is a registered voter in the municipality of Bethania, NC.
- (Partisan Contests Only) Is affiliated with \_\_\_\_\_ party and has not changed his/her political party affiliation within the past ninety (90) days.

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ X Jacob Wright \_\_\_\_\_ 7-7-2015  
Title of County Official Signature of County Official Date

The Notice of Candidacy must be signed in the presence of the chairman, secretary or director of the Board of Elections with which he/she files or a candidate may have his/her signature on the Notice of Candidacy acknowledged and certified to be any officer authorized to administer an oath. (See NCGS § 163-294.2.)