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Hon. County Judge Robert Barnes
Members of Commissioners Court
Nueces County, Texas

Dear Sirs:

I respectfully request that I be considered for the remaining unexpired term of Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3, Nueces County.

Prior to accepting the job of secretary in this office, I was working as a receptionist-nurse in a doctors' office where I had worked for 10 years. When Mr. Garrett was first elected to the office of Justice of the Peace he told my husband he wanted me to work for him and I started working for him and Nueces County on January 1, 1959. Since then I have also served as secretary to the Constable, Pct. 3--without pay. It really isn't too much extra work. I answer his telephone, type necessary letters, interpret for people unable to talk English and make out his monthly reports.

As you can see I served under the late Hon. Fred Garrett for over twelve years. Because of my experience and closeness to this job I feel I am the best qualified regardless of any other applications you might receive. I am fully aware of the every day problems of this office and I know how to deal with them.

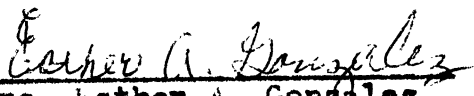
I have learned all about complaints, fines, judgements, civil and criminal cases. Over the years different persons from the County Auditors Office have come to check our books. They always talked about how well kept all of our records were and Judge Fred Garrett would always point at me. He taught me every little detail about this job and for this I am thankful to him. I learned all about filing delayed birth certificates, an important duty of this office. Judge Garrett used to laugh and call me an expert: But really I'm not---it's merely experience. Because I have worked in this office for so many years I feel I can carry on the job just as Judge Garrett would want it.

My husband is the Assistant Postmaster at Bishop. We have lived in Bishop for over thirty years. I know most of the people in the community: I am well liked and respected and get along with people real well. Following is a list of some of the things I have been active in:

Member:	St. James Parish Council
Treasurer:	St. Elizabeth Society
President:	St. James Altar Society
Vice-Pres:	Bishop Community Action
Member:	Board of Directors Nueces County OEO representing Hon. Carl Bluntzer
President:	American G I Forum Ladies Auxiliary
Secretary:	Bishop High School Band Boosters
Secretary:	Legal Aid Society

Since a great percentage of people coming through this office do not speak English I feel my being bilingual is extra important. If selected I will do the best of my ability to carry out the duties of this job in a just and dignified manner.

Respectfully submitted,


Mrs. Esther A. Gonzalez