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To: Cheryl Oliver, Chair, Ray Corbett, Member, Robert Jefferson, Member  
Lowndes County Board of Elections

This is a letter to inform the Board of the way employees are treated at the Lowndes County Board of Elections. In the eight years I have been employed with the county I have made comments and mentioned the way my Supervisor Deb Cox has treated myself and my fellow coworkers. It is abusive. In the past when Deb gets stressed she gets in one of her so called moods. We have been able to work out our differences among ourselves in the past. But due to current actions taken by the Board in the past months I Laura Gallegos feel Deb has been taking out her frustrations and anger on Gina and myself. The tone of voice Deb uses is demeaning, belittling and outright mean. The morning of April 28, 2008 our office was prepared to qualify candidates for the upcoming election. I was helping Judge Sermons when Deb snatched papers out of my hand and yelled at me in front of a lobby full of potential candidates and the party representatives. Dr. Dennis Marks was in the office the remainder week of qualifying and witnessed the way Deb treated me. I talked to her that day and told her that the way she spoke to me and treated me in front of a lobby full of candidates was uncalled for and rude, Deb denied her actions. I told her that we needed to respect each other, that everyone that was in the lobby that morning picked up on her tone and actions. Deb tends to broad cast employees faults using profanity and foul language disrespecting everyone around her. Instead of sitting down and talking to her employee when she has a problem she talks about them when they are not around. Like just this past Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> she was cursing and talking about Mr. Smith claimed he was driving her crazy and if he did not stop moving files she was going to kick his A\_\_ and be out of a job. I respectfully ask that the Board please do some thing about Deb, her treatment is abusive. I really do not know what actions needs be taken. Just know that this treatment has been going on for years and it needs to stop.

Respectfully,

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CC

Dr. Dennis Marks