



**Campaign to Elect Michael A. Etienne, Jr. Judge  
St. Lucie County Court, Group #1  
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May 14, 2024

St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections  
Hon. Gertrude Walker  
4132 Okeechobee Road  
Fort Pierce, Florida 34947

Re: Statement of Withdrawal from the St. Lucie County Court Judge, Group #1 Race  
Name: Michael A. Etienne, Jr.  
Address: 519 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Hon. Gertrude Walker,

On or around April 16, 2024, I, Michael A. Etienne, Jr., qualified as a judicial candidate for the St. Lucie County Court Judge, Group #1 seat.

Since then, I have come to learn that my opponent (the incumbent) embodies the same judicial philosophy as I do, to wit: to follow the strict adherence and interpretation of the Constitution, Statutes, and Case Law, by simply following the law that is written down; and to provide everyone a chance to be heard, a fair hearing, a courteous hearing, and provide a timely ruling.

In light of this revelation, I cannot in good faith nor in good consciousness challenge this incumbent; thus, I must withdraw my candidacy for the above-mentioned seat.

Therefore, I respectfully request that my above-mentioned filings and/or candidacy be withdrawn. Please accept this correspondence as my official Statement of Withdrawal from the St. Lucie County Court Judge, Group #1 race.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Etienne, Esquire