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Secretary Evnen issues statement on Cindy Burbank declination of candidate nomination

Secretary of State Bob Evnen released the following statement on Tuesday on the matter of Cindy Burbank's wish to be removed from the ballot in the race for U.S. Senate in the 2026 general election.

"Cindy Burbank has submitted the form by the statutory deadline to decline her nomination as the Democratic Party nominee for the U.S. Senate in the November election. We have consulted with the Attorney General's office. Under Nebraska law, when a candidate has declined a nomination by the deadline, the Secretary of State has no discretion to refuse it. For that reason, Cindy Burbank's name will not appear on the November ballot as the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate. I have advised the Democratic Party of the requirements for substituting another candidate."

Secretary Evnen went on to describe the rationale both for his initial removal of Cindy Burbank from the 2026 primary election ballot and for his consideration of the legal implications of accepting her declination of candidate nomination form.

"In my view, Burbank's action is a cynical manipulation of the ballot process. Earlier this year, when Burbank first filed to run under a separate Nebraska law, the Nebraska Republican Party filed an objection. They were right, and I acted to stop this abuse then. The Supreme Court reversed my decision because the objection was filed too late. Now Burbank has done exactly what I predicted in May. She has declined the nomination."

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