

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



May 20, 1974

Region 7
819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Honorable Dolph Briscoe
Capitol Station
Governor of Texas
Austin, TX 78711

Estimado Governor Briscoe:

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your personal concern and leadership that resulted in giving to the citizens of Texas the legislation and resources to implement an effective adult basic education program.

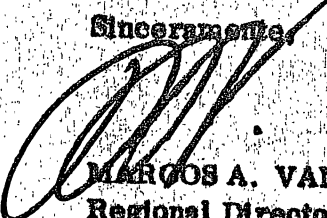
This was a unique opportunity, missed by your predecessors, to help meet the educational and occupational needs of many Texas citizens, especially our disadvantaged minorities.

There is now, in my opinion, another unique and similar opportunity before you. I am referring to the appointment of a judge to the newly created 213th district court in Fort Worth. This is a unique opportunity because it offers the potential to you to make an appointment with long range benefits to the community and the system of justice in Texas. Please consider, if you will, the effect of appointing a highly qualified, highly respected Spanish-Surnamed judge to this vital post. Such a man is Municipal Judge Harold L. Valderas.

As a newcomer to Fort Worth almost two years ago, when I accepted my appointment as Regional Director of Civil Rights, I was well advised to seek the counsel and friendship of Judge Valderas to give me better insight into the many decisions I have to make that affect both the minority and majority community. I have never regretted taking the advice to make Judge Valderas a close personal friend, as he is to many of the key leaders in the minority community.

Judge Valderas' qualifications and background are well known. I respectfully submit his name for consideration by you and your advisors.

Sincerely,


MARCOS A. VANN
Regional Director of Civil Rights

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