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Dr. Hector Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

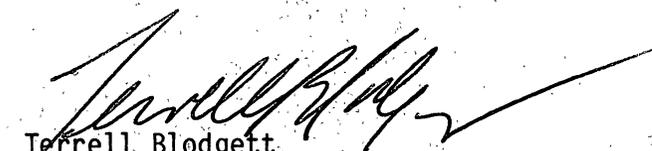
As members of the faculty at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, Professor Barbara Jordan and I are involved in a year long policy research project on local government election systems. Its purpose is to determine the effects, if any, of a change from the election of city council members by an at-large method to election by total or partial single-member districts. Our clients are the Austin City Council and the Texas Municipal League. The latter is an association of numerous Texas cities, some of which are now considering possible changes in their electoral systems.

Corpus Christi is one of nine cities which we are studying. We are particularly interested in your perceptions of Corpus Christi's experiences under the at-large systems, transition to the mixed system, and expectations under the new system.

Two graduate students, Gloria Moreno and Willie Pruitt, will be contacting you telephonically between 21 and 25 October to make appointments for their 28 October to 3 November visit to your city. We would very much appreciate your input as it is critical for a balanced and accurate report.

In advance, I say, "Thank You", for your cooperation as we look forward to your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Terrell Blodgett
Mike Hogg Professor in Urban Management