



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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JOHN CONNALLY
GOVERNOR

Hector P. Garcia, M. D.
3024 Morgan Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Because of the interest you have shown in the selection of a qualified person for the position of community developer for the migrant program for Corpus Christi, I wish to make the following report.

After very careful consideration of the qualifications of available candidates, Mr. Al Ramirez, Director of the Migrant Division of this office, has selected Mr. Gerard Vasquez for this position. Because I have every confidence in Mr. Ramirez and because he feels that Mr. Vasquez has the experience and qualifications to handle this assignment in a superior manner, I am supporting him fully in this choice.

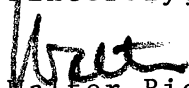
I do not hesitate to say that I sincerely regret that you do not approve of Mr. Vasquez' selection, as I respect you as a person, a citizen, and a friend. On the other hand, I do not see how I can hold Mr. Ramirez responsible for the management of a difficult and challenging assignment if I do not give him a large measure of authority to employ and manage his staff.

I am advised that Mr. Vasquez is ready and willing to cooperate fully with you, the G. I. Forum, and all other community organizations in developing an effective program aimed at eliminating the many poverty-causing and poverty-related elements in the migrant community.

Certainly the State OEO office will give him every support and assistance, and Mr. Ramirez and I earnestly and respectfully solicit your help and cooperation also.

Kind personal regards and best wishes for a prosperous and successful New Year.

Sincerely,


Walter Richter, Director
State Office of Economic Opportunity

cc: Mr. Al Ramirez
Congressman John Young