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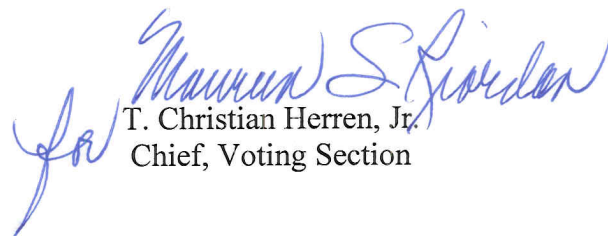
James E. Cousar, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Cousar:

This refers to the joint election procedures for the November 6, 2012, special tax election, including county conduct of the election, use of county early voting locations and hours, the change to the ballot format, and the jurisdiction name change from Travis County Hospital District to Travis County Healthcare District d/b/a Central Health in Travis County, Texas, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on August 27, 2012; additional information was received through October 10, 2012.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Christian Herren, Jr.", with a stylized initial "JC" to the left.

T. Christian Herren, Jr.  
Chief, Voting Section