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**Diana T. Barrera**

Nueces County Clerk

Mr. Ron Olson  
City Manager, City of Corpus Christi  
1201 Leopard Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for your inquiry into the estimated costs pertaining to the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Joint Election.

We have reviewed the itemized billing and performed an exercise to compare these costs to previous elections. Please note the increases in the following areas:

- **Poll Worker Training**
  - New Voter ID law requires training of all poll workers including election judges, alternate election judges and clerks. Previously, our office only trained election judges. Election clerks will receive a two hour training, and alternate election judges will receive a four hour training which will also include training on the use of the electronic voting equipment. We do anticipate that this cost will drop because they will have an opportunity to perform an exercise to determine if they are proficient in setting up the voting equipment at a polling place.
- **Developing and formatting ballot**
  - A new line item has been added to reflect the actual time spent developing the ballot. This includes creating and proofing all of the ballot formats created as a result of multi-jurisdictional boundaries within voting precinct boundaries. *This task is the most critical component of the pre-programming aspect.*
- **EV and ED Voting Machine Equipment Rental**
  - Rental of each piece of electronic voting equipment increased from \$160 to \$200 to cover increases in the Software Maintenance costs that Nueces County pays annually to the provider of our equipment.
- **Shared Costs between Jurisdictions**
  - There are only three jurisdictions that will be sharing costs during this election cycle: Nueces County, The City of Corpus Christi, and London ISD. The majority of the costs will be shared

between Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi due to the number of voting precincts within our jurisdictional boundaries. London ISD will only share costs in three voting precincts with both Nueces and the City.

It is understood that costs will be much lower when more jurisdictions join together to hold elections.

In preparation for elections, we create a higher cost estimate than what we anticipate the actual costs to be so that Nueces County and other jurisdictions are not surprised if unanticipated circumstances arise. We can already see that actual costs for the work performed are less than the estimated costs.

We understand your concerns regarding the costs of this election, and share those concerns with you. Please be assured that we will do everything possible to keep costs to a minimum while making sure that we are maintaining the integrity of the electoral process.

Sincerely,



Diana T. Barrera  
Nueces County Clerk