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Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Voting Session June 26, 2008 Work Session _____
(Date) (Date)

A. Request made by Nelda Wells Spears, Tax Assessor Collector Phone 854-9742

Nelda Wells Spears

Signature of Elected Official/Appointed Official/Executive Manager/County Attorney

B. Requested Text:

Consider and take appropriate action on Property Tax Rate considerations for the Travis County Healthcare District.

by: _____
Signature of Commissioner(s) or County Judge

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II. Agenda Request (Original and eight copies of agenda request and backup).

B. Please list all of the agencies or officials names and telephone numbers that might be affected or be involved with the request. Send a copy of this Agenda Request and backup to them:

III. Required Authorizations: Please check if applicable:

- _____ Planning and Budget Office (854-9106)
Additional funding for any department or for any purpose
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A change in your department's personnel (reclassifications, etc.)
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Bid, Purchase Contract, Request for Proposal, Procurement
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ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR
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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78751
(512) 854-9473

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 2008

TO: Sam Biscoe, County Judge
Ron Davis, Commissioner, Pct. # 1
Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner, Pct. # 2
Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner, Pct. # 3
Margaret Gómez, Commissioner, Pct. # 4

FROM: Nelda Wells Spears, Tax Assessor-Collector

SUBJECT: Property Tax Rate Considerations

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Debt Buy Down: The debt service (and resulting debt rate) may be reduced using year-end or reserve balances from the bond or general fund. We recommend no buy down of the debt rate for either the Road District or Healthcare District.

If my staff or I can be of further assistance, we can be reached at 854-9742.

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cc: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, Planning and Budget
Susan Spataro, County Auditor
Carolyn Konecny, Travis County Healthcare District
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