



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** December 31, 2013  
**Prepared By/Phone Number:** Debra Hale, 854-9432  
**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Brandy Mueller  
 County Court at Law #6 Judge  
**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

### AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action on acceptance of a donation of \$681.11 from Danielle Ammon (Kendra Scott Designs) for the benefit of County Court at Law #6 Project Engage Program.

### BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The Criminal Courts request approval to accept a \$681.11 donation from Danielle Ammon of Kendra Scott Designs. Ms. Ammon is presenting this donation to assist the County Court at Law #6 Project Engage to provide incentives and tangible rewards to participants, as recommended by evidence based practices.

Project Engage is a specialized docket for the adult criminal justice system's youngest defendants, ages 17, 18 and 19 years of age. It aims to reduce the number of revocations, convictions and jail sentences by providing teenage offenders the additional support and structure of regular judicial oversight within a probation term with maximum supervision.

The program has a heavy emphasis on mandatory school and/or work. Ms. Ammon would like the funds to be used to further this goal of education. They would cover books, school supplies, tuition costs and/or scholarships for the participants.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

N/A

### FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no negative fiscal impact to the County. The \$681.11 donation from Danielle Ammon and Kendra Scott Designs will be used for books, school supplies, tuition costs and/or scholarships for participants in Project Engage.

### REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

November 18, 2013

Travis County Judge Biscoe  
Travis County Commissioners Davis, Todd, Daugherty and Gomez  
PO Box 1748  
Austin, Texas 78767

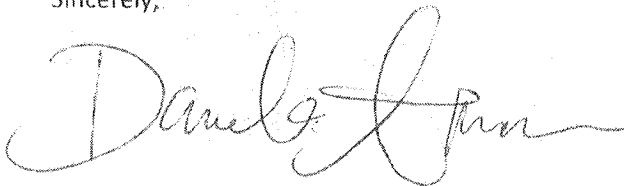
Dear Judge Biscoe & Travis County commissioners:

I am pleased to make a financial donation in the amount of \$681.11 to Travis County for the benefit of Project Engage in County Court at Law No. 6. Judge Mueller has created the Project Engage docket for misdemeanor defendants who are ages 17 through 19, with the goal of providing Travis County's youngest adult offenders with additional support and structure during their probation term to help reduce the number of revocations, convictions and jail sentences among these participants, while also giving back to our community in the form of specific monthly community service projects.

I am very supportive of the mission of Project Engage, and I am particularly supportive of the emphasis that is placed on mandatory school and/or work. I would like for Travis County to use my monetary donation to help cover any educational costs for Project Engage participants. These include, but should not be limited to, such things as books, school supplies, tuition costs and/or scholarships.

If any further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (512) 900 6282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danielle Ammon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Danielle Ammon