



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 25, 2014  
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**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

### AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SHELLDA GRANT TO THE TRAVIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** The Commissioners Court makes two appointments to the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD) Board of Directors. Terms are for two years, and are staggered. The term of **Shelda Grant** will expire on December 31, 2014. Ms. Grant has been a member of the TCAD Board of Directors since August 23, 2011. Appointments to the TCAD Board of Directors are governed by the Uniform Appointment Process.

**IGR RECOMMENDATION:** IGR recommends that the Commissioners Court reappoint Shelda Grant to the Board of Directors of the Travis Central Appraisal District for a term to run from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:** The Travis Central Appraisal District, founded in 1981, appraises property in all of Travis County. It covers an area of approximately 873 square miles and is responsible for almost 380,000 tax accounts. The Appraisal District's primary responsibility is to develop an annual appraisal roll for use by taxing units in imposing *ad valorem* taxes on property in the district.

TCAD is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors, which is primarily responsible for the hiring of the Chief Appraiser as well as approving the annual budget. Travis County appoints two members of the Board of Directors, who serve staggered two-year terms. There are no term limits on the TCAD Board.

**Shellda Grant** and **Dr. Denny Hamill** are the current appointees. The term of Ms. Grant, who has been a member of the Board since August 23, 2011, expires on December 31, 2014.

The Appraisal District is subject to the Court's Uniform Appointment Process. Since Ms. Grant has served for less than six years, she is eligible for reappointment under Section 1.017(b)(1)(B) of the County Code, which provides:

[T]he County Judge shall ..., in the case of an existing organization member, that by the end of their term will not have served six years, instruct the Coordinator for Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) to determine if the member desires to continue for an additional term, and contact the organization to determine if the member has a good attendance of meetings and is a good contributor to the organization. Should the Coordinator for IGR submit an acceptable report to the County Judge, the County Judge shall schedule for Commissioners Court the consideration of the re-appointment.

Feedback from the Appraisal District states that Ms. Grant has attended all the meetings held during her tenure and that she makes valuable contributions to the board.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:** No fiscal impact.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:** None.

**NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY OR BE INVOLVED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Letter from Shellda Grant re reappointment to the TCAD Board of Directors, rec'd. October 10, 2014.

Shelda Grant  
7206 Lazy Creek Drive  
Austin, TX 78724

Dear Judge Biscoe,

I would like to be re-appointed to the Travis County Appraisal District Board of Directors. I have served on this board for a few years now and would consider it an honor to continue serving in the same capacity.

Thank you,

Shelda Grant

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