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Honorable Kieth Self
County Judge
County of Collin
McKinney, Texas 75070

Re: donation of limited edition print to County

Dear Judge Self:

Several weeks back, I advised you of the below described desire to donate a limited edition art print to the County and I am now following through with the action we discussed to allow this desire to become reality.

The accompanying professionally framed art print by Hal Warnick is being offered as a donation to Collin County by a long-time friend of mine, Denny Arnold. He is a retired City Manager (like me) having served as City Manager of Victoria from 1994 until 2006; overall Denny served on the staffs of five Texas Cities during a career that spanned thirty-eight years. Denny's wife originally purchased the print for his office in 1997 at an auction during the Texas City Management Annual Conference (print was donated to TCMA for the auction by Pat Doyle, then the Assistant City Manager of Mckinney). He had wanted a Texas Courthouse painting in his office as a symbol of local government in Texas. After retiring, Denny thought it needed to be placed somewhere in Collin County and contacted me to help find a local museum or public entity to which the print could be donated.

After considering the options, it has seemed to me (and Denny concurred) that first priority should be the Collin County Administrative Building or Courthouse since both buildings are on the same campus. It will serve as a reminder of the historic old downtown courthouse on the McKinney square. Considering that the print is a limited edition, the original lithograph plates were destroyed, that it is professionally framed, it is in pristine condition, has the certificate of authenticity attached on the back side, and the original was painted by a highly recognized Texas Painter, it is my hope that the Commissioners Court will concur and accept the print. The only thing we ask from the Court is that you provide a letter of donation acknowledging the value. With my knowledge of the background of the Artist, the print, and the original purchase price,

and the value of the framing, it is my opinion that the print should be valued in the range of $475 to $550. Any value in this range is certainly acceptable. The letter of acceptance / receipt of donation should be made out to:

Mr. Denny Arnold
303 Willow Way
Victoria, Tex 77904.

The Court might be interested to know that the original was commissioned by a *large* Dallas law firm (see publication reprint on back pocket) as part of a series of nine original courthouse paintings. The City of McKinney also commissioned three originals which were unveiled with the opening of the current City Hall and those pieces of art hang in City Hall; thus, the origin of my knowledge of Mr. Warnick, who has been widely recognized for his talent and is a former Texas Artist of the Year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. If I am needed to attend the Commissioners Court meeting at which this matter will be considered, please advise.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald E. Paschal, Jr.