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The Honorable Keith Self
Jack Hatchell Collin County Administration Building
McKinney, TX 75071
a program of the North Central Texas Council of Governments

Dear Judge Self:

As you are aware, the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging administers an Aging Program that serves older persons and their family caregivers who live in the 14 counties surrounding Dallas and Tarrant. Assisting the AAA is the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC), which advises the Agency on such matters as developing the Area Aging Plan, conducting public hearings, and identifying older persons' needs. In this regard, the RAAC serves an important role in developing and implementing a comprehensive and coordinated system of aging services. Each county is entitled to two seats on RAAC.

Harry Kepner of Plano will complete a term of service as a Collin County representative on December 31, 2012. Since RAAC members may serve up to two consecutive three-year terms of service, Mr. Kepner is eligible for re-nomination. Pat Hatchell of Plano is the County's other voting representative.

We are seeking RAAC members who can look beyond local interests to broader regional aging issues, provide a supportive role in working with the program, and serve as an advocate on eldercare issues. They should be able to attend quarterly meetings in Arlington, and complete a three-year term of service. To avoid conflicts of interest, RAAC members may not be employed by or have a financial interest in long-term care facilities.

Since our agency has a legislative mandate to target older persons who are frail, have low incomes, are non-white, are isolated, and/or have Alzheimer's, we welcome RAAC members who are involved in service to one or more of these target populations.

In light of these considerations, we are asking for your assistance in either re-nominating Mr. Kepner or nominating another individual from Collin County to serve on the Committee for the term ending December 2015. We have enclosed both a re-nomination form and a biographical sketch. The sketch is to be completed only if you wish to nominate a County resident other than Mr. Kepner. Members will be appointed by NCTCOG's Executive Board, which considers all nominees.

To recommend a County resident for membership, we would appreciate your completing and returning the enclosed re-nomination form (should you wish to re-nominate Mr. Kepner) or biographical form (should you wish to nominate another resident) by Friday, December 7th, 2012. Although we are requesting a nominee to fill one vacancy, you may wish to nominate more than one person in case your primary nominee cannot serve.

If you have any questions about RAAC or this request, please feel free to call Doni Green, Manager of Aging Programs, at (817) 695-9193, or me at (817) 695-9171. Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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