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North Central Texas Council Of Governments

The Honorable Keith Self
Jack Hatchell Collin Co. Administration Building
McKinney, TX 75071

Dear Judge Self:

As you may be 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.

One of Collin County's representatives—Harry Kepner—is serving a term that will end on December 31, 2015. He has reached his term limit of two full consecutive terms and is not eligible for re-nomination. Sue Whitehurst of Plano is the County's other representative, serving a term that ends December 2017.

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 addition, we are seeking veterans to serve on the Committee.

In light of these considerations, we are asking for your assistance in nominating a Collin County resident to the term ending December 2018. 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 biographical form by Monday, December 7, 2015. Although we are requesting a nominee to fill one vacancy, you may wish to nominate two in case your primary nominee cannot serve.

If you have any questions about RAAC or this request, please feel free to call me at (817) 695-9193.

I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

Doni Green
Director of Aging

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