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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Major Corey Lain, Company "F" Texas Rangers
Texas Department of Public Safety
102 Texas Ranger Trail
Waco, Texas 76706

Re: Judge Ruben Becerra, Hays County

Major Lain:

The Texas Attorney General's Office is *Pro Tem* in Hays County, Texas regarding the investigation and potential prosecution of County Judge Ruben Becerra regarding allegations he may have committed offenses in the Texas Penal Code including but not limited to §39.02 Abuse of Official Capacity, §39.03 Official Oppression, §39.06 Misuse of Official Information, §31.03 Theft, §32.45 Misapplication of Fiduciary Property, §37.10 Tampering with a Government Record, and §§252.005-252.007 Election Code, §§254.066, 254.097, 254.130 Election Code.

The allegation pertaining to §39.02 Abuse of Official Capacity involves Becerra having emergency lights placed on his privately-owned vehicle by county employees on county time and at county expense.

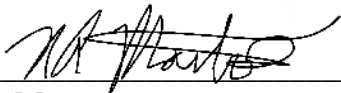
The allegation pertaining to §39.03 Official Oppression involves two female, Caucasian county employees being "interviewed" about their jobs/functions by Judge Becerra and his Chief of Staff, Alex Villalobos. During the interview, both women were told they do not appear to "fit the demographic we are looking for."

With respect to Misuse of Official Information, §31.03, there are allegations that Becerra has accessed or has access to information regarding county budgeting and/or needs relating to emergency management that he has discussed/disclosed with a representative or representatives of MRG Health who are seeking to sell Covid-19 test kits to numerous counties. With respect to Theft, §32.45 Misapplication of Fiduciary Property, allegations exist that Becerra has used county resources and possibly county funds for campaign purposes as well as for the purpose of "courting" a business relationship with MRG Health. Regarding §37.10 Tampering with a Government Record, there are two allegations. First, it is alleged that Becerra unilaterally changed a Commissioners Court Agenda with the intent that it be published as the official agenda. Second, there is an allegation that a campaign finance report was submitted with knowingly false information

with the intent that it be taken as an official election record, document, or thing. This second allegation would also potentially be a violation of §§252.005-252.007 Election Code, §§254.066, 254.097, 254.130 Election Code.

The Criminal Prosecution Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, in its capacity as *CDA Pro Tem* will prosecute viable cases that are developed as to Judge Ruben Becerra or any other individual(s) from the investigation of the allegations involving Judge Ruben Becerra. The Criminal Prosecutions Division looks forward to working with the Texas Rangers on this investigation. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,



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