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February 20, 2020

The Honorable Tano E. Tijerina
Webb County Judge
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Dear Judge Tijerina:

On behalf of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, I would like to request your support of an agenda item for your scheduled Commissioners Court Meeting on Monday, March 09, 2020. The purpose of this item is **to discuss and act on a recommendation to the court for a candidate to fill the County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources position serving Webb County effective April 15, 2020.**

This shall also serve to confirm the county's continuing support of \$23,436.00 for the county portion of the agent's salary.

I appreciate your support of Extension and the programs and services it supports for the residents of Webb. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruben J. Saldaña".

Ruben J. Saldaña, Ed.D.
District Extension Administrator
RJS:mc

cc: Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner
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Objective

To acquire a position that presents a challenge and helps me gain experience in the field of biology, to generate profitable sales for my organization, and develop strong client relationships.

Education

B.S. | DECEMBER 2016 | TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- Major: Biology
- Related coursework: Microbiology, Ecology, Evolution, Infectious Diseases, Plant Biotechnology, Behavioral Ecology, Zoology, Cell Biology, Genetics, Human Anatomy, Entomology, Undergraduate Research

M.S. | EXPEC. DECEMBER 2020 | TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- Major: Biology
- Hours Completed: 30
- Related coursework: Advanced Community Ecology, Graduate Seminar, Geographic Information Systems, Biometry, Animal Physiology, Biodiversity, Thesis, Graduate research on activities of the scorpion species, *Centruroides vittatus*

Skills & Abilities

- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite
- Proficient with Game Management System software
- Proficient with ArcGIS Pro
- Proficient with PAST software
- Quickbooks
- Customer service skills
- Fluent in Spanish.
- Spatial Analyst
- SAS
- Can present to large groups
- Can lift up to 50lbs
- Familiar with medical terminology
- Fieldwork
- Laboratory training
- Aseptic technique
- Blood borne pathogen training

COMMUNICATION

- Delivered multiple presentations on a two year scorpion research - Microhabitat use by *Centruroides vittatus* in different habitats on the campus of Texas A&M International University and La Union Ranch, A comparison of vegetation abundance to microhabitat use by *Centruroides vittatus* at the Juan Martinez Ranch -to the biology department staff and students at the university's Biology Symposium.
- Communicated over the phone with out-of-town buyers to make exotic and white-tail deer sales.
- Communication with parents, administration, and peers as a science teacher.

LEADERSHIP

- Texas Farm Bureau Board member – March 2018 - Current
- Member of the TAMIU cross-country team – 2008,2009
- Member of the TAMIU softball team – Fall 2009

- NCAA Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) cross country representative- 2008, 2009.
- TAMIU volunteer student athletic trainer-4 years

Experience

TEACHER | UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT | OCTOBER 2018-CURRENT

- Sixth and seventh grade science teacher. Keeping up to date with grade deadlines and the state scope and sequence. Ensuring to keep constant and effective communication with parents and administrators. Constant assessment and monitoring of student understanding of the content to meet the district and state standards.

PPQ AIDE | USDA | SEPTEMBER 2018-OCTOBER 2018

- Mexican fruit fly eradication program. Assigned certain areas of the city to check and maintain fruit fly traps. Ensured that there was no presence of invasive fruit fly species, re-baited and replaced fly traps. Reported findings to supervisors and management software.

CLERK | HALE TAX SERVICES | JUNE 2017-MARCH 2018

- Answered phones, sent and received invoices. Bookkeeping for several clients and filed paper work.

RANCH HAND| COLD CREEK RANCH | MAY 2014-AUGUST 2014

- In charge of keeping inventory on supplies. Tagged fawns. In charge of keeping inventory of deer in the pens and keeping record of fawns on Game Management system. Daily duties of checking and refilling feeders, cleaning water troughs, keeping lodge clean, mowing lawn, checking the fence line, and doctoring deer. Assisted with capture jobs and the moving of deer, and sales. Reported deer inventory to Texas Park and Wildlife.

INTERN | COLD CREEK RANCH | MAY 2013-AUGUST 2013

- Worked alongside and reported directly to ranch manager. In charge of keeping inventory on supplies. Tagged fawns. In charge of keeping inventory of deer in the pens and keeping record of fawns. Daily duties of checking and refilling feeders, cleaning water troughs, keeping lodge clean, mowing lawn, checking the fence line, and doctoring deer. Assisted with capture jobs, transferring of deer and exotics, and sales.