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REPORT TO WEBB COUNTY

Dear Webb County Judge and County Commissioners:

Webb County Court-at-Law II (CCL II) continues to strive to become a court of excellence and I am grateful for the opportunity to inform Webb County of the improvements at CCL II. Consistent with my pledge when you interviewed me, this is

my fifth monthly report that the Court gives to Webb County. If you want me to change its format, address additional issues, or have any questions in the future, please let me know.

Webb County Court-at-Law II has improved the closure and judicial resolution of open cases.

On April 14, when my appointment by the Webb County Judge and Webb Commissioner’s Court became effective, there were 6,207 cases open at CCL II. Since then 1,172 new cases have been filed and assigned to CCL II, and we have closed 2,953. This means that of the 7,379 old and new total cases in CCL II since April 14, **by closing 2,953, we have reduced the caseload by 40.02 percent.**

Since my last report, we closed 521 cases, including 181 criminal cases, 35 juvenile cases, 234 civil cases (118 civil cases filed in the District Clerk’s Office and 116 cases filed in the Webb County Clerk’s Office), and 34 family law cases. For your convenience, the cases are itemized below.

Cases Closed in CCL II, 4/14/17-10/6/17

Case Type	4/14 – 5/12	5/13 – 6/23	6/24 – 7/20	7/21 – 8/25	8/26 – 10/6	NUMBER
Criminal	215	366	261	309	181	1,332
Juvenile	2	211	85	11	35	344
Civil (District Clerk)	7	9	20	2	118	156
Civil (County Clerk)	0	33	174	288	116	611
Family	53	60	125	55	34	327
Guardianship/Probate	0/5	63/0	0/0	74/4	37/0	183
TOTAL	282	742	665	743	521	2,953

Our case management system continues to improve, and we are providing litigants their day in court swiftly and fairly.

Guardianship Compliance

Since June 29 when two representatives of the Texas Office of Court Administration (OCA) visited CCL II to discuss the Guardianship Compliance Program, CCL II has been working with guardians to update inventories and annual reports. Guardians are provided necessary forms via the CCL II website or are emailed the forms. We have closed 174 guardianship cases, including 63 in which the person under guardianship was deceased, 74 in which minors under guardianship reached the age of majority, and 37 in which the guardianship was not established pursuant to Texas law. CCL II will continue to focus on cases that the Office of Court Administration has recommended closure and on other stagnant cases, including cases with missing inventories and missing guardianship assets.

Personnel Changes in CCL II: Doing More with Less

Webb County Court-at-Law II is doing more with less. For example, per the Webb County General Orders of the Court, CCL II has 12 employees in FY 2016-2017 and 8 employees in FY 2017-2018. Two positions were removed, one was voluntarily transferred on June 26, 2017, and one unfilled position was transferred at the end of the fiscal year. Furthermore, payroll for FY 2017-2018 is \$235,725 less than the year before for CCL II. The difference is accounted for by the personnel changes, the application of the Condrey classification and compensation plan to new employees, and by the reduction in employee positions.

The future

When I asked you to appoint me to serve our mutual constituents as judge of CCL II, I committed to do more with less, to reform CCL II, and to restore public confidence. These monthly reports are meant to apprise Webb County of the efforts, improvements, and reforms at CCL II. On behalf of CCL II, I am committed to ensuring fairness, impartiality, and equal access to justice for all who seek relief in this court. My staff and I work hard to keep the court open for business Monday-Friday, also working late and on weekends as necessary and as justice requires. People with cases before CCL II continue to be given opportunities to be heard and to have their days in court.

The Webb County Commissioners Court and CCL II share the same goals: improving the quality of life for residents of Webb County, maintaining trust in our systems of government and justice, and earning respect based on measurable and reported results.

Respectfully,



Victor Villarreal