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The Honorable Tano Tijerina
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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 sixth 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 1,326 new cases have been filed and assigned to CCL II, and we have closed 3,209. This means that of the 7,533 old and new total cases in CCL II since April 14, **by closing 3,209, we have reduced the caseload by 42.57 percent.**

Since my last report, we closed 256 cases, including 116 criminal cases, 23 juvenile cases, 81 civil cases (7 civil cases filed in the District Clerk’s Office and 74 cases filed in the Webb County Clerk’s Office), and 36 family law cases. For your convenience, the cases are itemized below.

Cases Closed in CCL II, 4/14/17-11/10/17

| Case Type | 4/14 – 5/12 | 5/13 – 6/23 | 6/24 – 7/20 | 7/21 – 8/25 | 8/26 – 10/6 | 10/07 – 11/10 | NUMBER |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Criminal | 215 | 366 | 261 | 309 | 181 | 116 | 1,448 |
| Juvenile | 2 | 211 | 85 | 11 | 35 | 23 | 367 |
| Civil (District Clerk) | 7 | 9 | 20 | 2 | 118 | 7 | 163 |
| Civil (County Clerk) | 0 | 33 | 174 | 288 | 116 | 74 | 685 |
| Family | 53 | 60 | 125 | 55 | 34 | 36 | 363 |
| Guardianship/Probate | 0/5 | 63/0 | 0/0 | 74/4 | 37/0 | 0/0 | 183 |
| TOTAL | 282 | 742 | 665 | 743 | 521 | 256 | 3,209 |

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

Guardianship Compliance

On November 6, 2017, CCL II held informal sessions where guardians were provided information, forms, and assistance so that they could become compliant with guardianship laws, including on laws that recently became effective. Two representatives from the Office of Court Administration visited CCL II to observe the sessions, and provide guidance and assistance. OCA advised that CCL II is making proper and diligent efforts in providing education and assistance to the public for compliance with guardianship laws. OCA representatives are scheduled to visit the court for our next scheduled informal court sessions with guardians.

CCL II continues to make efforts at protecting the most vulnerable individuals, those under guardianship, and we invite the public, particularly guardians, to call our

office for information and assistance on becoming compliant with guardianship laws and requirements.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor Villarreal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Victor Villarreal