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Dear Assistant District Attorney Kratovil,

Thank you for your letter of March 10, 2023. In the letter you ask whether the Tarrant Appraisal District will fill the vacant position caused by Ms. Wilemon's resignation and subsequent recall pursuant to the procedures laid out in Texas Tax Code, section 6.03(l) or under the procedures laid out in Texas Tax Code, section 6.033.

The decision of who will replace Ms. Wilemon on the Tarrant Appraisal District Board of Directors, and what process will be used to determine the replacement, will not be made by the Chief Appraiser or any staff member of the Tarrant Appraisal District. Those decisions will be made by the Taxing Units and the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

On February 21, 2023, the City of Keller voted to initiate the procedures to recall a director from the appraisal district board of directors pursuant to Tax Code, section 6.033. The following day a resolution to that effect was delivered to the appraisal district offices. The resolution triggered certain responsibilities from the Chief Appraiser. Specifically, the Chief Appraiser was required to send a notice of the resolution calling for the recall to each taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district. I complied with that duty and provided the recall notice required by Tax Code, section 6.033.

The County voted in favor of the recall at a Commissioners' Court meeting that was held on March 7, 2023. When a copy of the resolution casting all the County votes in favor of recall is submitted to the appraisal district, it will trigger a duty on the Chief Appraiser to prepare a notice seeking nominations, and ultimately to prepare a ballot. I will comply with these statutory requirements when the resolution is submitted to the appraisal district.

On March 3, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Tarrant Appraisal District voted to accept the resignation of Ms. Wilemon. Under Texas Tax Code, section 6.03(l), the acceptance of Ms. Wilemon's resignation required a notice of vacancy to be sent to the Taxing Units. That statutory requirement was met.

The Board of Directors is aware of the concerns that the County and the City of Keller have expressed regarding the process for filling the seat previously held by Ms. Wilemon. The Board has scheduled a meeting for this Friday to discuss how the vacant position will be filled. Although I cannot speak for the board and I do not know how the Board will proceed, at the last meeting there were Directors which publicly commented that they believed the County should have the right to select the replacement member.

I do not believe that it will be necessary for the County to explore any legal remedies against the appraisal district. I am hopeful that if there are any disputes regarding the process to be followed they will be resolved informally between two governmental entities that represent the same constituents. I hope to have more information following the Board of Directors' meeting on Friday March 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

I hope this letter clarifies the actions that have been taken by my office. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Law', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Jeff Law
Chief Appraiser/Executive Director
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CC: The Honorable Tim O'Hare
County Judge
Tarrant County Texas