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November 29, 2011

The Honorable Jeff Branik
County Judge
Jefferson County
1149 Pearl St.
Beaumont, TX 77701

Re: Request for Certified Local Government Status Application, Jefferson County, Texas (CLG).

Dear Judge Branik,

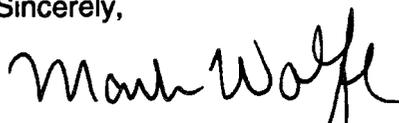
Thank you for your recent Request for Certified Local Government Status application for participation in Certified Local Government (CLG) program, which provides technical and financial assistance. This letter represents the comments of the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), the state agency responsible for administering the federal CLG program pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The review staff, led by Matt Synatschk, State Coordinator for the CLG program, has completed its review of the materials submitted and received on November 16, 2011. Based on the information provided, staff determined that Jefferson County qualifies as a Certified Local Government.

Enclosed please find three (3) original copies of the Certification Agreement, which stipulates the terms for participation in the CLG program. In order to complete the certification process, we ask that you review, sign and return two (2) original copies of the enclosed certification agreement to our office in care of Mr. Synatschk's attention at your earliest convenience. The third copy should be retained for your files. Upon receipt of the signed agreements, we will forward a positive recommendation to the National Park Service (NPS) for their review and action. The NPS will respond in writing to you directly within 90 days regarding the City's final approval for CLG certification.

Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process. We look forward to hearing from you and anticipate working with Jefferson County as part of the CLG program. **Should you have any questions concerning this letter or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Mr. Synatschk at 512-463-7812.**

Sincerely,



Mark Wolfe, State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Ron Ellington, Chair, Jefferson County Historical Commission



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