



HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Information Technology Center

Bruce High
Chief Information Officer

June 19, 2012

Commissioners Court
Harris County's Administration Building
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: **Harris County Website**

Members of Commissioners Court:

Harris County Information Technology Center requests approval to deploy the new Harris County website, with a target date of June 29, 2012.

In August 2010, the Web and Content Management Committee was formed to develop standards and principals on to which Harris County would adhere. A subcommittee, whose members came from departments all across Harris County, was formed to research and propose a new look and feel to Harris County's website. The existing website has been in place for many years and does not reflect the current trends for look, feel and ease of use. Based on input from the committee and after reviews from various groups across Harris County, the new website has been completed and is ready to be rolled out to the public.

The current domain name www.hctx.net although short and to the point, did not fully represent the vastness of Harris County and falls short on the recommended U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) domain naming schema. To meet the GSA's name specifications and to have a stronger internet presence www.HarrisCountyTX.gov has been acquired as the new Harris County domain name. This will give the Harris County website a much stronger name brand and is a better representation of Harris County. The current website will be redirected to the new website for a 12 month period.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce High
Chief Information Officer

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cc: Chron File
Web and Content Management Committee

For Inclusion on Court Agenda dated June 26, 2012