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Hon. Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon, III
Waller County Judge
Via Email: t.duhon@wallercounty.us

Re: Consideration of Membership in the Texas Conference of Urban Counties (CUC)

Dear Judge Duhon:

I’m pleased to invite Waller County to join other urban and urbanizing counties in membership in the Texas Conference of Urban Counties.

The Texas Conference of Urban Counties was formed 50 years ago by the six most populous counties in Texas to provide a forum for urban county commissioners court members to discuss county government issues and forge a united front in working with state officials in the state policy-making process. In recent years, other less populous urban and urbanizing counties have recognized the benefit of joining the association; today, 34 member counties represent nearly 80% of the population of Texas.

The Texas Conference of Urban Counties provides three main programs of value to urban county officials:

1) The **Intergovernmental Relations Program (IGR)** is the central focus of CUC activities. We have a team of experienced individuals who review each of the thousands of bills filed each legislative session, identify those that may impact county government, and track those through the legislative process. Our team attends every hearing at which bills of interest are heard and provides testimony as necessary regarding the impacts on county governments and their constituents. The team also spends innumerable hours advancing the public policy objectives of our membership as set by the CUC Policy Committee by engaging directly with legislators and state leaders. In addition to advancing the interests of the urban counties in the legislative process, the IGR Program provides the Policy Analysis Project, whereby all proposed legislation, attorney general opinions, and proposed administrative rules are reviewed for county relevance.

2) The **Education Program** provides continuing education events specifically tailored to the needs of urban county officials. During the Legislative Session, our membership luncheons in Austin qualify for continuing education credit for county commissioners. The annual

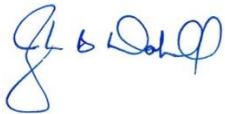
Urban Counties Education and Policy Conference also provides a substantial number of credit hours. Our 2026 conference will be held on South Padre Island May 6-8, 2026. Attached is an email to CUC members with registration and hotel information.

3) The **Member Services Program** provides additional services of value to urban county officials. This includes the Clippings Service, which provides a daily e-mail collection of Texas media articles on urban county issues, and Urban County Newsletters, which analyze and update important issues and state policy developments.

The current dues formula is \$3,000 + \$0.03284 per county resident, based on population estimates published by the Texas Demographic Center. The full amount of dues for FY 2026 for Waller County would be \$5,115, but prorated to April 1 that amount is \$2,557.50.

To learn more about our meetings, programs, clippings service, bulletins, and other services, you may contact Windy Johnson (windy@cuc.org), who is ready to provide any additional information or assistance. I may always be reached on my cell phone: 214-907-4603 or at john@cuc.org.

Sincerely,



John B. Dahill
Executive Director

Attachments:

CUC Bylaws
Sample Membership Resolution
2026 Annual Education & Policy Conference email