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Representative Frank Corte  
Texas House District 122  
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Honorable Carlos Uresti  
Texas State Senator District 19  
2530 S.W. Military Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78224

Dear Representative Corte and Senator Uresti:

After receipt of the draft of the recommendations to be proposed by the BexarMet Water District Legislative Oversight Committee, I sent a request on December 22, 2008 to Representative Corte and Senator Uresti for preferences to be added to the report which I believe to be necessary.

My request consisted of the following preferences: 1) a Conservator Board to be composed of locally elected officials who represent the majority of BexarMet customers; 2) the BexarMet Board be relieved of their duties during the period under the Conservator Board; 3) no member of the Conservator Board have a conflict of interest in the acquisition of BexarMet physical assets; 4) the Conservator Board hire a Manager with water utility experience to manage the BexarMet Water District; 5) the BexarMet Board not hire a General Manager; and 6) the BexarMet Board receive training in all aspects of their duties.

I did not receive a response from either the Chair or Co-Chair of the Legislative Oversight Committee. It is my belief this request was reasonable and in the best interest to the BexarMet customers. Recent events have illustrated to me that the BexarMet Board will continue to attempt to operate under the most recent proposal I received. My opposition to allow BexarMet Board to continue operate independently or with oversight has been well vocalized.

While I appreciate the intention of the newly elected Board members to restructure and reform the Water District, I can not overlook the same argument made by the previous Board during the last legislative session. To allow the BexarMet Board to operate the Water District in a similar capacity as before would only delay what I feel will be an extreme disservice to its customers as they will likely continue to receive a lower quality of service at a much higher rate cost than is deserved.

It is with great regret that I will not be able to sign the final report from the Legislative Oversight Committee and submit my resignation for my seat on this Committee.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chico", written over a horizontal line.

Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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