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Re: Letter of Support for Precinct 5

Dear Judge & Commissioners:

The City of Elsa is in full support of the reestablishment of Precinct 5. Our community has had a direct impact on the abolishment of Precincts Justice of the Peace and Constable Office.

The past several years the City of Elsa has seen an increase in population, which brings forth an increase in Truancy cases, Landlord and Tenant disputes, and Small claim disputes. In addition, we see more criminal activity and traffic violations.

Our constituents often address the concerns that they no longer have the one on one communications with the Justice of the Peace Office, the proximity of driving one to five miles, and the turn-around of legal matters. They also mention that the lack of our own Constable Offices increases our City's crime rate.

Presently, our Police Department statistics indicate a 9 to 10% increase in crime rate per year. We can attribute that to an overspill of crime from subdivisions outside our City limits that normally would be patrolled by our local Constables.

A current census of Commissioned Officers in Precinct 1, shows that we have a little over 200 Commissioned Officer unlike other Precincts, yet serving and protecting an estimated population of 175,000 an equal number of population of the other Precincts, used by the Previous District Attorney.

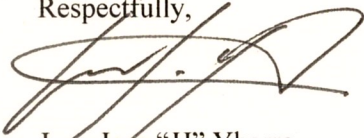
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The presence of a Justice of the Peace Office and Constable Office brings more visibility of Justice and law enforcement, into the Delta Area. Therefore, we are asking for your favorable consideration on bringing back Precinct 5.

Judge and Commissioners, your favorable consideration will be appreciated by those we serve, and those we continue to protect, in Hidalgo County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Jose Ybarra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Juan Jose "JJ" Ybarra,  
City Manager