October 30, 2019

Pamela N. Navarrette Assistant Financial Director Williamson County 710 South Main Street, Room 301 Georgetown, Texas 78626

Dear Ms. Navarrette:

A panel of independent reviewers has completed its examination of your Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) submitted to Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). We are pleased to notify you that your PAFR for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, has substantially met the requirements of the PAFR Program. In the absence of authoritative standards governing the presentation, these requirements are based on an evaluation of information presented, reader appeal, understandability, distribution, and other elements (such as whether the PAFR is a notable achievement for the government given the government's type and size, and the PAFR's creativity and usefulness). The report received a weighted average score of 75.00 percent or above from three of the four highest individual reviews.

Each entity submitting a report to the PAFR Program is provided with confidential comments and suggestions for possible improvements in the subsequent year's presentation. Your comments and suggestions, as well as a "Summary of Grading" form, are enclosed. We urge you to carefully consider the suggestions offered by our reviewers as you prepare your next PAFR.

Continuing participants will find a Certificate and brass medallion enclosed with these results. The brass medallion may be mounted on your ten-year plaque. First-time recipients will find a Certificate enclosed with these results and will receive a plaque in approximately 10 weeks. We hope that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release has been enclosed.

A current holder of a PAFR Award may include a reproduction of the Certificate in its immediately subsequent PAFR. A camera-ready copy of your Certificate is enclosed for that purpose. If you reproduce your Certificate in your next report, please refer to the enclosed instructions.

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The PAFR Award is valid for one year. To continue your participation in the program, it will be necessary for you to submit your next PAFR to GFOA within six months of the end of your entity's fiscal year. A Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award Program Application is posted on GFOA's website at <a href="https://www.gfoa.org">www.gfoa.org</a>.

Over the course of the year, we are anticipating some changes to our application process. We will still be asking governments for the same documents we asked for in the past, but we are encouraging electronic submissions to <a href="mailto:pafr@gfoa.org">pafr@gfoa.org</a> and expect to be making other changes going forward. We will keep members informed of any changes via email, and application instructions will be updated on our website.

We appreciate your participation in this program, and we sincerely hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain a well-presented PAFR. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the PAFR Program staff in the Technical Services Center at (312) 977-9700.

Sincerely,

Michele Mark Levine

Director, Technical Services Center

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Enclosures



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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(Chicago, Illinois) – Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that **Williamson County, Texas** has received GFOA's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR award).

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. In order to be eligible for the PAFR award, a government must also submit its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) to GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellent in Financial Reporting Program and receive the CAFR award for the current fiscal year. Each eligible report is reviewed by judges who evaluate the report based on the following categories: reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity and other elements.

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Presented to

## Williamson County Texas

For its Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended

**September 30, 2018** 

Christopher P. Morrill

Executive Director/CEO