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Re: Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00615-LY; *Bernardo Acosta v. Williamson County, Texas, et al.*; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division

Dear Addressees:

Germer PLLC (“the firm”) has been retained to represent Williamson County in response to the above-referenced lawsuit (“the Lawsuit”) filed by Bernardo Acosta. At this stage of the litigation, Williamson County has also agreed that I and the firm may represent Williamson County, Alyssa Hoffman, Ariel Korn Gibson, Jose Garza, Ruben Vela, Fernando Morales, and Roberto Rodriguez, subject to the undersigned parties confirming their informed consent to joint representation.

The terms and conditions of the proposed joint representation are as follows:

1. Under this defense agreement, Germer PLLC will provide joint representation to Williamson County and Alyssa Hoffman, Ariel Korn Gibson, Jose Garza, Ruben Vela, Fernando Morales, and Roberto Rodriguez;
2. The undersigned parties have reviewed the Lawsuit and Plaintiff’s allegations and consent to Germer PLLC’s joint representation;
3. In accordance with the principles set forth in Rule 1.06 of the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct, the undersigned parties agree that their interests would not be materially affected by the joint representation described above;
4. The undersigned parties have consented to and have agreed to the joint representation after a full disclosure of the existence, nature, implications, and possible adverse consequences arising from the common representation and the advantages involved, if any;
5. The undersigned parties are not aware of any existing conflict of interest between themselves and Williamson County as it relates to the above-referenced matter, at least through the pretrial phase of the litigation;
6. The undersigned parties agree to notify me immediately in the event any of them discover or declare a conflict of interest between Williamson County and Alyssa Hoffman, Ariel Korn Gibson, Jose Garza, Ruben Vela, Fernando Morales, and/or Roberto Rodriguez as it relates to the above-referenced matter or if the undersigned parties discover the existence of facts which alter the basis of their informed consent to this joint representation agreement, so that any actual or perceived conflict may be promptly addressed;

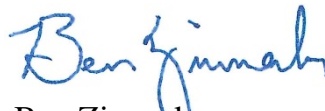
7. Williamson County and Alyssa Hoffman, Ariel Korn Gibson, Jose Garza, Ruben Vela, Fernando Morales, and Roberto Rodriguez agree that Germer PLLC may withdraw as counsel for any of them and continue to represent Williamson County and the other parties in the event any party declares a conflict, or if Germer PLLC withdraws from representing them in this matter and that they waive any conflicts associated with such continued representation of Williamson County and the remaining parties; and
8. The undersigned parties will cooperate with the defense of this Lawsuit, and keep me apprised of their current mailing address, cell phone number, and e-mail address as long as they are represented by Germer PLLC.

Please confirm your consent by signing in the space provided below and return a signed copy back to my office by facsimile or email.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

**GERMER PLLC**



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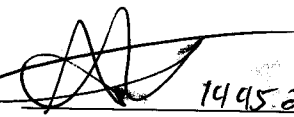
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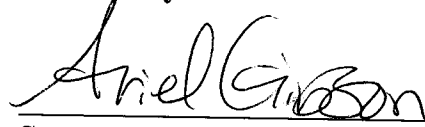
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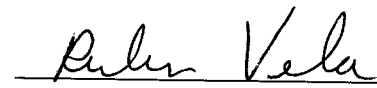
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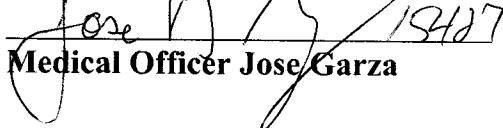
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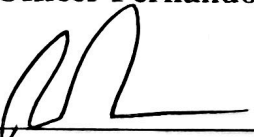
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