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**To:** District I; City Clerk External E-Mail; Danise Henriquez; Lissette Carey; District III; District VI; Samuel Kaufman  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for a Neutral Caretaker Appointment for District 5

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Madam Mayor and Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the unfortunate passing of Commissioner Hoover, and the vacancy now before the City Commission in District 5.

In the interest of fairness, stability, and public confidence, I respectfully urge you to fill this temporary vacancy by appointing a **neutral caretaker**—someone who is **not a declared candidate** and who agrees not to run in the upcoming regular election. A caretaker appointment ensures that no individual receives the advantage of incumbency, and that all candidates compete on equal footing when the voters make their choice.

Additionally, I ask the Commission to **avoid calling a costly special election** so close to the regular election cycle. A special election would place unnecessary financial and administrative burdens on the city, while delivering only a very short term of service before the regular election selects the long-term representative.

By appointing a short-term caretaker, the Commission can ensure continuity of service for District 5 residents while preserving fairness, fiscal responsibility, and trust in our local democratic process.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service to our community during this transition.

Sincerely,  
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