



DAN A. GATTIS
County Judge
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Late Backup

May 11, 2010

The Honorable Lee Leffingwell
City of Austin
P. O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Mayor Leffingwell,

We are aware of Waste Management's plans to include Williamson County recycling volume in the City of Austin Materials Recovery Facility proposal. We support Waste Management's efforts to increase recycling capabilities through collaboration across the region.

Williamson County sought funds to develop a recycling drop-off center. The number of visitors each month has increased from a total of 65 in the first month of operation to a steady stream of 400-500 each month today. We are currently working with Waste Management to develop a plan to increase our recycling efforts. As you know, recycling becomes more cost effective with more volume. By combining our volumes with the City of Austin, it would create a win-win for both the County and the City. In addition, it begins to establish a better regional plan for managing and reducing waste.

Thank you for your leadership in environmental stewardship. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Gattis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judge Dan Gattis

CC: Don Smith, Waste Management