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Derrick L. Neal M.P.A., WCCHD Executive Director

Dear Mayor Schroeder:

The cities of Cedar Park, Georgetown, Round Rock, and Taylor, along with Williamson County have been members of the public health district since it was established in 1989. The cities of Liberty Hill and Hutto joined the District in October 2007 and Leander in October 2013. The public health district is authorized by Chapter 121 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Chapter 121 requires that the organization of the public health district and the rights and responsibilities of member governments be stated in a Cooperative Agreement. The Cooperative Agreement for the Williamson County and Cities Health District was last amended, restated and approved by member governments effective April 26, 2007.

Health District funding is derived from contributions from the member governments, Texas Department of State Health Services contracts, client fees, Medicaid reimbursements, and other grants, contracts, and contributions. The Health District's fiscal year is January-December with an FY 2021 operating budget of \$10,377,285. Our operating budget does not include the separate County Indigent Health Care funding.

The Cooperative Agreement states that the Board of Health will request from member cities per capita funding each year (October 1 - September 30) based on the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent annual estimate of population. This estimate is dated July 1, 2019 and can be found at <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045216/48491>.

At its November 5, 2020 meeting, the Board of Health approved the annual WCCHD Budget based on the same per capita rate for Member Cities as requested for FY2020, due to the financial impacts of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) on Member Cities. This rate has remained the same for seven fiscal years. The Census Bureau's July 1, 2019 population estimate for Georgetown is 79,604. Therefore, at \$2.35 per capita, the request from Georgetown for FY2021 is \$187,069.40.

As always, WCCHD will continue to aggressively seek out and maximize funding from grants and other funding streams for FY2021 and the future as we work to promote and protect the health of the residents of all of Williamson County. As the 9th fastest growing county in the nation, we can anticipate that the demand for population-based public health services will also continue to increase. I am available if you, the Council, or staff need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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WCCHD Executive Director

Cc: David Morgan, Georgetown City Manager
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