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FROM: Jodi Goodwin, Chair, Donations Committee, Pam Kennedy, Nicole Ezer, Laura Bachman, Albert Armendariz, Nancy Shivers and Sam Haddad

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On behalf of the entire Donations Committee, I present to you our recommendations for the 2012 funding requests. I certainly hope the discussion with respect to the Donations Committee recommendations is peaceful and mindful of the fact that 7 individuals spent upwards of 20 hours each reviewing 21 donation requests for a total amount requested of over \$530,000!

The Executive Committee advised me the amount available for donations was \$90,000. Based on that amount available the Donations Committee recommends funds be distributed as follows:

\$20,000 to ProBAR

\$10,000 to Las Americas

\$20,000 to Oklahoma City Catholic Charities

\$15,000 to New Mexico Immigrant Law Center

\$5,000 to New Mexico Catholic Charities

\$10,000 to American Gateways

\$10,000 to RAICES

Although we would like to have given money to each and every organization requesting funds, we simply did not have the funds available to do so and be effective. In making the decision for our recommendations, the committee prioritized the various requests as a filtering mechanism. The five key priorities we considered were 1) direct representation, 2) serving indigent communities, 3) serving detained populations, 4) fees charged/ fee structure, and 5) the availability of funds from other sources.

For purposes of discussion at the meeting, I will list all of the organizations requesting funds, the amounts requested and the purpose of the request below:

- 1) Tarrant County Bar Foundation, \$20,000 for program support for a veteran's clinic
- 2) University of Houston Immigration Clinic, \$15,000 for naturalization and adjustment workshops
- 3) Las Americas, \$10,000 for operating funds
- 4) American Immigration Council, \$50,000 for operating funds

- 5) American Gateways, \$30,000 for program support for Karnes Detention Facility
- 6) Human Rights Initiative, \$35,000 for operating funds
- 7) Mosaic, \$10,000 for translator and interpreter funds
- 8) Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, \$50,000 for operating funds
- 9) Diocesan Migrant Services, \$10,000 program support for training public defenders and criminal bar
- 10) Casa Marianella, \$10,000 for filing fees, office supplies, CLE and library
- 11) Catholic Charities of Oklahoma, \$55,000 program support for full time attorney
- 12) ProBAR, \$20,000 for program support or full time attorney to represent detained adult asylum seekers
- 13) Catholic Charities of Fort Worth, \$30,000 for program support for court representation, Cubans , VAWA and refugees
- 14) Catholic Charities of San Antonio, \$30,176 for summer interns, CLE, Law Logix, Kurzbans and AILALINK
- 15) New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, \$25,000 for operating funds
- 16) Justice for Our Neighbor, \$25,000 for operating funds
- 17) RAICES, \$25,000 for program support for Karnes Detention Facility
- 18) PAIR, \$5,000 for program support for after school program for refugees
- 19) Catholic Charities of East Texas, \$30,000 for funding to attend CLE
- 20) Bernardo Kohler Center \$20,750 for program support for VAWA, T, U and SIJ representation
- 21) Catholic Charities of New Mexico, \$27,000 for program support for VAWA program