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**FOR DELIVERY BY COURIER**

The Honorable Ronnie Earle  
Travis County District Attorney  
Attn: Public Integrity Unit  
509 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

In Re: Texans for Economic Development PAC, Retama Development Corp.,  
Call Now, Inc., Tommy Azopardi and Thomas R. Johnson

Dear Sir:

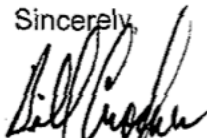
Texans for Economic Development Political Action Committee (hereinafter referred to as TEDPAC) is a general purpose political action committee (Texas Ethics Commission filer No. 00059603) located at 1122 Colorado Street, Suite 209, Austin, TX 78701. Its treasurer is Tommy Azopardi. Call Now, Inc. is a Florida corporation admitted to do business in Texas. Thomas R. Johnson is the President of and the registered agent for Call Now, Inc. Retama Development Corp. was a Texas corporation organized in 1983. Its charter was forfeited in 1991.

Reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission show that TEDPAC has received at least two contributions, perhaps more, from corporate entities. Call Now Inc. has contributed \$34,000. Retama Development Corp. has contributed \$17,000. In the latter case, it would be particularly interesting to know where that corporation, presumably dormant since its charter was forfeited in 1991, got \$17,000.

TEDPAC may have used these corporate funds to pay for cable TV and direct mail advertising directly attacking State Representative Betty Brown, State Representative Phil King and State Representative Nathan Macias in their races for re-election.

There is ample reason to suspect that one or more of the above-referenced entities and individuals may have violated the Texas Election Code and committed one or more felony offenses by using corporate funds in the manner described. I hereby request that your office initiate an investigation to determine whether or not any such violation has occurred and, if the evidence warrants, prosecute the offending parties.

Sincerely,



Bill Crocker