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Dear County Judges and Commissioners,

CHC appointments are professional commitments to represent the county's interests in preserving historic and cultural heritage. During 2023, CHCs reported having contributed 341,463 hours of service to counties across Texas, which carries a monetary value of $10.8 million using volunteer rates published on independentsector.org.

This extraordinary contribution is thanks to the dedicated and productive individuals who are appointed by county commissioners courts to serve on your county's CHC. Now is the time to identify potential appointees who will contribute consistently during the 2025–2026 term of service. Consider how your county can benefit from a CHC comprised of experienced and active appointees.

Chapter 318 of the Texas Local Government Code directs county commissioners courts to make CHC appointments in January of odd-numbered years for a two-year term. To ensure a smooth transition between terms, consider approving 2025–2026 appointments by December 31, 2024 with a start date of January 1, 2025.

We encourage you to appoint individuals that demonstrate an active interest in preserving historic and cultural resources in your county.

The enclosed flyers provide supplemental information on recommended appointee criteria and submitting appointee rosters to our agency as required by state statutes. This information will help you appoint individuals who can assist in efforts to preserve historic resources, encourage heritage tourism, and revitalize communities.

Thank you in advance for sharing CHC appointee contact information for the 2025–2026 term of service.

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