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Interim City Manager Stephanie Reyes City of San Marcos 630 E Hopkins San Marcos, TX 78666

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Dear City Manager Reyes,

AARO (Austin Area Research Organization) is honored to have worked over the past four years with Addressing Cancer Together (ACT), a large coalition of cancer care providers, community leaders and organizations, to create a model of care for uninsured Central Texans without access to cancer screening or treatment.

While AARO led the model of care design and funding discussions with regional governments, from the beginning we knew a permanent "coordinating entity" was needed to hold contracts, manage financials and staff, and run the operations of the ACT model of care.

AARO served as the temporary steward of the initiative while we undertook a due diligence process to consider the best home for the initiative. Late last year the AARO board approved (UW) as the permanent coordinating entity. Since that time, we have worked in concert with UW staff to transition the program. In light of this transition, we fully support and request the City of San Marcos to transfer the current ARPA contract for the ACT initiative to United Way for Greater Austin, with the same start date and provisions intact.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance,

Sandy Hentges Guzman Chief Executive Officer