



June 29, 2022

Honorable Ricardo Samaniego
Honorable Carlos Leon
Honorable David Stout
Honorable Iliana Holguin
Honorable Carl L. Robinson

Dear Judge Samaniego and County Commissioners,

At our monthly meeting last night, Paso del Norte Tejano Democrats had a robust discussion on the proposed issuance of certificates of obligation by UMC. Our members discussed the pros and cons of such an effort.

A member of our organization made a motion that we Paso del Norte Tejano Democrats send a letter to you stating that our organization is against the issuance of certificates of obligation and strongly recommend that UMC take the issue to the voters. Let the voters decide through an election.

As a former elected official, I can share with you that in my training, it was firmly engraved in my mind that certificates of obligation are intended only for the use of an emergency situation. They are not to be used for the convenience of elected officials. As a matter of fact, the use of certificates of obligation completely ignores the wishes of the very people that elected you.

As an organization we will continue to monitor the discussion and will be requesting a presentation by UMC CEO Jacob Cintron at our next meeting.

On behalf of our membership, I firmly state that we are not in favor of the use of certificates of obligation and strongly recommend that the issue be taken to the voters.

Sincerely,

Lily Limón
Paso del Norte Tejano Democrats
Chair

CC: Jacob Cintron

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