

**To the Owner or Owner's Representative
Texas Colonias and Subdivisions Title Survey**

July 30 2012

Dear Property Owner,

During the first three months of 2012 the School of Law and the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin conducted a confidential survey on behalf of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Texas Legislature. The purpose of this study was to help them understand what kinds of problems property owners face when buying, selling or transferring their properties. Results of our survey indicate that approximately 20% of property owners in Texas colonias and some communities in Central Texas rent out or lend out their property. This is a short follow-up survey to collect data about how and why property owners rent and lend their properties.

One of the properties that was randomly selected for survey was the property located at the top of the attached questionnaire, which found was being rented or loaned the residents. Please be assured that the person with whom we spoke at the time **did not provide us** with any information about you as the property owner, but we obtained your information solely through the public tax records. If you are (or were previously) the property owner for that address, then we would greatly appreciate your collaboration and participation in this follow-up survey.

The survey will take approximately 5-7 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary and all information you provide will be **strictly confidential. Only university researchers will read the answers of this survey and only general findings from the survey will be provided in the final report we are preparing.** Neither you, nor your property will be identified individually as having participated in the study.

You may skip any question that you prefer not to answer, but please indicate that you have done so by writing the letters PNA for "Prefer Not to Answer". Please return the survey in the enclosed pre-paid envelope provided and send it to us **by August 10th**. However, it would be especially helpful if you could complete and return the survey within the 24-48 hours of receiving this request. If you would prefer for us to call you and complete the survey over the phone please call the following number 512-626-2963 and leave a message giving your name, phone number, and a convenient time when we should call and one of the team members (Adam Torres or Carlos Olmedo) will contact you.

Thank you very much for your participation. I am the research project director and responsible for the survey and would be happy to answer any questions that you have – either through e-mail or by phone (cell 512-626-2963).

Yours truly,

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