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Re: Formal Request for FBI/US Attorney's Office Criminal Investigation

Dear Special Agent in Charge Williams and US Attorney Ganjei,

This letter constitutes a formal request for the initiation of a federal investigation into potential violations of federal law arising from alleged public corruption involving Ms. Barbie Lorraine Robinson during her tenure as Director of Harris County Public Health. The allegations include, but are not limited to, bid-rigging, wire fraud, and misuse of federal funds.

As background, Ms. Robinson was indicted on four felony charges under Texas law following a comprehensive investigation conducted by the Harris County District Attorney's Office and the Texas Rangers. These charges stemmed from evidence presented to a grand jury during my tenure as District Attorney of Harris County. Despite this, the newly elected District Attorney recently dismissed the case, citing insufficient evidence. Based on my direct involvement in the case and knowledge of the investigative findings, I affirm that the standard of probable cause was more than adequately met.

Ms. Robinson was employed by Harris County from 2021 to 2024. Curiously, her LinkedIn profile omits any reference to this role, instead stating that she has continuously served as the Director of the Sonoma County Department of Health Services since 2016. This raises serious concerns about the accuracy and transparency of her professional disclosures.

During her time in Harris County, Ms. Robinson was implicated in two separate procurement processes. In the first, related to the “Access Harris County” initiative, she engaged in improper communications with IBM employees concerning the Request for Proposal (RFP) prior to its public release. IBM ultimately secured an \$18 million contract, which was later expanded to approximately \$38 million. This misconduct formed the basis of an attached 44-page warrant detailing her charges.

The second matter involved a \$6 million contract awarded to a two-woman company named “DEMA,” owned by Ms. Michelle Patino. Allegations suggest that Ms. Robinson and Ms. Patino conspired to manipulate the RFP process for a program called “H.A.R.T.” Notably, Robinson served on the RFP review committee for both this program and the “Access Harris County” initiative—her only committee assignments during her entire tenure. In both cases, other vendors including the Harris County Sheriff’s Office and Harris Health submitted far more competitive proposals-- but were bypassed.

In August 2024, Ms. Robinson was terminated by then-Harris County Administrator Diana Ramirez for failing to disclose conflicts of interest, including contracts with two other counties in separate states. Email correspondence indicates that both Ms. Ramirez and the former County Budget Director denied prior knowledge of these external contracts, contradicting Ms. Robinson’s public assertions. Ms. Ramirez has since resigned, effective April 30, 2025.

Of grave concern is the handling and potential destruction of electronic evidence. Harris County Universal Services reportedly adopted a policy—allegedly authorized by the Harris County Attorney’s Office—that automatically deletes all email communications 30 days after an employee’s departure. This contradicts standard records retention practices applicable to governmental communications. It is also assumed that Ms. Ramirez’s county-issued phone has already been wiped. Furthermore, it is anticipated that Ms. Robinson’s legal counsel will soon pursue expunction of her charges, which may lead to the destruction of all evidence currently retained by the Harris County District Attorney’s Office.

Given these circumstances, I respectfully urge your office to take immediate action to preserve all relevant evidence and to initiate a full and impartial investigation into the conduct of Ms. Robinson and any individuals who may have facilitated or conspired in the commission of federal offenses.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should additional information be required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Ogg", written in a cursive style.

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