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Mr. John Dugan
City of San Antonio - Director of Planning and Community Development
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San Antonio, TX 78204

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Dear Mr. Dugan:

This letter is to formally request that the newly acquired 461-acre Lowder tract and the 2005 acquisition of the 421-acre Ma-Be Canyon Ranch tract of Government Canyon State Natural Area (GCSNA) be considered for annexation into the city limits of San Antonio, Texas.

In 2002, the City of San Antonio annexed GCSNA as it existed at that time. Since then, the Natural Area has grown to include these additional tracts and will soon grow to include an additional 3,000 annexed acres that are to be transferred from the City of San Antonio Natural Areas program this year.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) rarely involves itself in local jurisdictional annexation matters, including the 2002 annexation of GCSNA. In this particular circumstance, however, it is desirable to the Department that annexation of the remaining un-annexed tracts occur in order to maintain consistent City services and consistent site management practices across the entire Natural Area.

Please know that Mr. Chris Holm, GCSNA Superintendent, will serve as your primary contact for all matters involving GCSNA, and can be reached at 210-688-9055. We appreciate your assistance and continued cooperation between the City of San Antonio and TPWD in this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carter Smith".

Carter Smith
Executive Director

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Cc: Mr. Ted Hollingsworth
Mr. Brent Leisure
Mr. Todd McClanahan
Mr. Chris Holm

Carter P. Smith
Executive Director