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Judge James Shoemake  
Presiding Judge 434<sup>th</sup> District Court  
1422 Eugene Heimann Circle  
Richmond, TX 77469

**Subject: SJI LEP Grant Award – Fort Bend County (FBC-9-27-16)**

Dear Judge Shoemake:

On behalf of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), I am pleased to be able to confirm with you that the 434th Judicial District Court of Fort Bend County has been selected for a State Justice Institute (SJI) grant in the amount of \$15,000 in technical assistance to support the development of a local language access plan and to provide a written report with recommendations pertaining to the overall language access program. Attached are the project deliverables and timeline. It is anticipated that work will be completed in November 2017 following the review of existing language access services and onsite visits by NCSC consultants.

Please note that you or a designated representative from your court will be expected to provide the National Center for State Courts with monthly updates on the overall progress of your endeavors. These reports will be due on the last day of every month and should be sent to the attention of Justin Apperson in the NCSC Arlington office at the following mailing address or e-mailed to [j2apperson@ncsc.org](mailto:j2apperson@ncsc.org).

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If you have any questions concerning this award or need additional information, please feel free to contact Jacquie Ring at (703) 841-5635, or via e-mail at [jring@ncsc.org](mailto:jring@ncsc.org). You may also contact Justin Apperson at [j2apperson@ncsc.org](mailto:j2apperson@ncsc.org). I congratulate you, and look forward to this opportunity to assist Fort Bend County with their language access program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Konstantina Vagenas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'K' and a distinct 'V'.

Konstantina Vagenas  
Director and Chief Counsel  
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Enclosed: *Fort Bend County SJI Grant-Deliverables*