

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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November 1, 2022

Re: County Historical Commission (CHC) Appointments

Dear County Judges and Commissioners,

CHC appointments are professional commitments to represent the county's interests in preserving historic and cultural heritage. During 2021, CHCs reported having contributed 284,046 hours of service to counties across Texas, which carries a monetary value of \$8.5 million using rates published on independentsector.org.

This extraordinary contribution is thanks to the dedicated and productive individuals who are appointed by county commissioners courts to serve on your county's CHC. Now is the time to identify potential appointees who will contribute consistently during the 2023–2024 term of service. Consider how your county can benefit from a CHC comprised of experienced and active appointees.

Chapter 318 of the Texas Local Government Code directs county commissioners courts to make CHC appointments in January of odd-numbered years for a two-year term. To ensure a smooth transition between terms, consider approving 2023–2024 appointments by December 31 with a start date of January 1, 2023.

We encourage you to appoint individuals that demonstrate an active interest in preserving historic and cultural resources in your county. CHCs should represent the age range and ethnic diversity of all precincts in your county.

The enclosed flyers provide supplemental information on recommended appointee criteria and submitting appointee rosters to our agency as required by state statutes. This information will help you appoint individuals who can assist in efforts to preserve historic resources, encourage heritage tourism, and revitalize communities.

Thank you in advance for sharing CHC appointee contact information for the 2023–2024 term of service.

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Enclosed: CHC Organizational Flyers 1 & 2, 2021 CHC Annual Report Summary

