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To whom it may concern,

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Jaime Esparza is a brilliant lawyer who served as the El Paso County District Attorney (34<sup>th</sup> Judicial District) for 28 years. His vast experience as a lawyer propelled Jaime to run one of the best District Attorney's office in the State of Texas. He also served as the Project Director for the Border Prosecution Unit, which works in partnership with 16 other District Attorneys along the Texas/Mexico border.

Jaime Esparza and his staff handled numerous successful prosecutions in the West Texas region, where his area as District Attorney encompassed the counties of El Paso, Culberson and Hudspeth. These cases included capital murders, murders, narcotics and gang cases. Jaime Esparza also assigned 3 of his Assistant District Attorneys to work out of the El Paso Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG). There are currently 7 TAG centers throughout Texas, which are funded by the Texas Governor's Office. Each center is comprised of local, state and federal law enforcement officers/agents, who collaborate in working gang and organized crime cases. This collaboration also included Jaime Esparza and his staff assisting with state cases that related to federal drug conspiracy and RICO cases in West Texas.

Jaime Esparza also created programs within the District Attorney's office to assist Crime Victims. In addition, Jaime Esparza also erected the El Paso Crime Victim's memorial in April 2009 and led a yearly memorial for victims who lost their lives to violent crime. Jaime Esparza is a person known to care very much for his community of El Paso, Texas.

As President of the Texas Gang Investigators Association, our executive board and members have had the opportunity to work and meet Jaime Esparza and his excellent staff of prosecutors. As summarized above, Jaime's years of knowledge and experience as District Attorney has played a major role in ensuring a better quality of life for the citizens of West Texas and has helped keep El Paso as one of the safest ranked cities in the United States for several years.

It is my honor and privilege that Jaime Esparza be considered in the nomination of United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin 'Ringo' Deleon".

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Martin "Ringo" Deleon  
President- Texas Gang Investigator's Association