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May 6, 2020

The Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal, District Judge  
 United States Courthouse  
 515 Rusk Street, Room 11535  
 Houston, Texas 77002

Re: Case No. 16-cv-01414; *O'Donnell et al. v. Harris County, Texas et al.*;  
 In the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Division

Dear Chief Judge Rosenthal:

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the parties have agreed to the following extension of Consent Decree deadlines. The parties have notified the Court Monitor of deadline extension.

Please see below:

Section	Deliverable	Current	Requested
<b>VII. REPRESENTATION AT BAIL HEARINGS</b>	<a href="#">Sec 41(a) Establish a process for private appointed counsel</a>	Within 180 days of consent decree entry	September 21, 2020
	<a href="#">Sec 41(b) Evaluate Systems of Indigent Defense</a>	Within 180 days of consent decree entry	
	<a href="#">Sec 43. Develop a written plan with policies and procedures</a>	Within 180 days of consent decree entry	
<b>VIII. PROMOTING PRETRIAL RELEASE THROUGH PROGRAMS TO INCREASE COURT APPEARANCE</b>	<a href="#">Sec 48. Update court notification forms</a>	Within 180 days of consent decree entry	
	<a href="#">Sec 52. Study primary causes of nonappearance</a>	Within 180 days of consent decree entry or as soon as practicable taking into account the County's procurement processes	
<b>IX. COURT POLICIES AND</b>	<a href="#">Section 57. Develop and maintain a website</a>	Within 180 days of consent decree entry	

<b>PROCEDURES CONCERNING NONAPPEARANCE FOR SCHEDULED COURT HEARINGS</b>	<a href="#">Section 72. Report on process used to evaluate local processes</a>	Within 180 days of consent decree entry	
<b>XII. OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	<a href="#">Sec 91. Submit public meeting plan to Monitor</a>		

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Spinks  
Melissa Spinks