

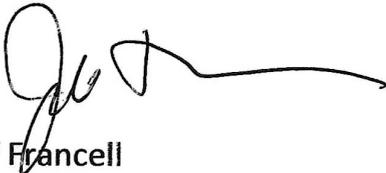
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Dear Jacob,

As you are aware, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has agreed in concept to exchange approximately 63 acres currently under conservation easement for approximately 144 acres not under conservation easement in northern Bexar County near Cibolo Creek. The 63 acres was originally protected by a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) with Forestar, the developer of the adjacent JW Marriot resort and golf course and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Since the HCP was created, the habitat value of the 63 acres has significantly diminished due to adjacent development while placing the 144-acre property under easement creates a larger block of contiguous habitat. Making this exchange will allow for the goals of preserving golden cheeeked warbler habitat in the area more sustainable over time.

Because the mitigation agreement creating these conservation lands was done between the landowner and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under a Habitat Conservation Plan, The Nature Conservancy will need USFWS to approve an amendment to the HCP or provide some other appropriate written approval of this exchange to TNC.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.



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