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The Honorable Dan Morales
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Dear Attorney General Morales,

Opinion Committee

Representative Mario Gallegos has requested my assistance in obtaining an Attorney General Opinion from your office regarding the propriety of a public entity bidding against a private free-enterprise organization for property which would be subject to removal from taxing organizations.

Specifically, I would like to seek answers to the following questions:

(1) Can the Port of Houston Authority bid against Houston Deepwater for private property which would in turn remove that 100 acre complex from the taxing authority of the Galena Park I.S.D., City of Galena Park and Harris County?

(2) Can the Port of Houston Authority use tax supported funds to bid against a private enterprise?

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution approved by the Galena Park I.S.D. Trustees on June 9, 1992. Time is of the essence as this matter is currently pending in Federal Bankruptcy Court and a hearing is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 1992.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Representative Gallegos should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Roman Martinez
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