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Agency: TEXAS%20BOARD%20PROFESSIONAL%20LAND%20SURVEYING

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

As a Registered Professional Land Surveyor practicing in the State of Texas, I believe strongly that a board made up of Professional Surveyors and public members is the best means of regulating the profession of land surveying to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of Texas.

Forty years ago when I was in college taking a Civil Engineering curriculum we were required to take 6 semester hours of Land Surveying. Today with all the technology advances like GPS, Robotics & Laser Scanning the average engineer knows less about Land Surveying than any learned profession and the college course requirements for Land Surveying are slim to none.

Therefore, a combined board made up of a majority of board members from a different engineering professions (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical ...) will not adequately regulate the practice of Land Surveying in Texas. Land Surveying is a distinct profession and Texas has a unique and complicated framework of land title and tenure. Protecting real estate holdings, the bedrock of our state's economy and many of our citizen's most important investment, requires a regulatory board made up of subject matter experts and public members.

Please hear my strong opposition to the proposed combination of the land surveying and engineering boards. Both of these professions require diligent and expert regulation that a combined board can't provide.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: .

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree