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Agency: TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Our museum in Fayette County and our local citizens have benefitted from the educational pursuits of The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.

We hosted their Texas Liberators: Witness to the Holocaust exhibit last fall and it was one of our most popular exhibits ever. Our usual focus is local history, but publicity for this exhibit brought in many who were visiting us for the first time and brought their children. Even school children from outside the county came to view it. The teachers who brought their students planned classroom reports and discussions as a result. Additionally, the commission provided an excellent speaker to present a well-attended program for us and she was joined by a local WWII veteran who had gone into one of the death camps a day or two after liberation. He stated he was appalled that some uneducated persons consider the Holocaust to be a hoax. He emphasized the horrors of the Holocaust that he witnessed and was grateful to the commission for not letting more recent generations forget what can happen when citizens look the other way. From our experience, the importance of the commission's educational work more than makes up for its relatively small budget.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: We recommend the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission be kept in place.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree