From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 10:46 AM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION TVC

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

OPPOSED: To the proposal to open the employment requirements to all qualified, NON-Veteran applicants for County Veterans Service Officer (VSO) positions in the State of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

These positions should remain VETERAN-only hire positions.

Veterans bring a unique skill set / assets to the VSO position. Veteran to Veteran service and assistance is a job qualifier that cannot be duplicated or trained for in non-veteran applicants. Additionally, Veterans bring a "Leave no one behind" mentality to a any job and more specifically to a job dealing with veterans across the vast spectrum of service-connected experiences.

Keep these positions Veteran only to enhance the quality of service at the County VSO level.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree