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## REPORT TO HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TEXAS ANTI-GANG TACTICAL OPERATION CENTER

## Address by Patricia R. Lykos, District Attorney, Harris County, Texas

Thank you for approving the grant awarded to the District Attorney's Office by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office.

TEXAS ANTI-GANG TACTICAL OPERATION CENTER (TAG) is unique, the first of its kind in the nation to co-locate the region's most knowledgeable and experienced federal, state and local anti-gang investigators, intelligence analysts and prosecutors within a single facility, equipped with a vast array of the most advanced information technology.

Data collection will be international in scope; and will be critically analyzed to develop creative strategies and tactics. The concerted planning and design of missions targeting specific objectives such as the interdiction of contraband, illicit funds and human trafficking deprives organized crime of both product and profit.

The force-multiplier of integrated personnel and the planned working-groups allow attention to be split among multiple priorities on a routine basis, while permitting a flexible surge in focus during moments of crisis or operational need.

I've used a lot of words to say:

WE ARE POSTING A NO-ENTRY SIGN TO TRANSNATIONAL AND MULTI-STATE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS.

**DO NOT SET FOOT IN OUR JURISDICTION**—WE WILL IDENTIFY YOU, HUNT YOU, ARREST AND PROSECUTE YOU AND DISMANTLE YOUR EVIL ORGANIZATIONS.

TO GANGS HERE, THE WARNING IS: LEAVE OR RETIRE.

**Sustained vigilance** is vital to protect this region—I am asking the Court to please consider long-term support of this endeavor.

Thank you.