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Dear Attorney General Cornyn:

I have been asked to request your opinion on the following issue:

Can a city Economic Development Corporation (EDC) hire and pay an individual to be their Executive Director while the same individual is serving on the EDC as an elected official, the City Councilman/Mayor?

The City of Crystal City has a newly formed EDC with their City Councilman/Mayor serving as its chairman. The Councilman/Mayor is not a paid employee; however, if appointed as the Executive Director of the EDC, he would be paid. Therefore, can an individual serve as an elected official on their EDC and be a paid working employee for the same EDC.

I hope this background information is helpful to your office as it conducts its research on this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office. Thank you for your time and consideration for this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Solis".

Jim Solis
Chairman