



September 25, 2020

Dr. Mario Garza
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Dear Dr. Garza,

Thank you for your July 13, 2020 and September 21, 2020 letters.

The University of Texas at Austin respects the indigenous people who live and have lived in Texas and recognizes the spiritual and cultural significance of interment of their ancestors. I also acknowledge the particular significance of this issue to you and the Miakan-Garza Band.

We are committed to honoring your cultural and religious perspectives, while continuing to follow the established legal procedures outlined in federal law. To accomplish that, the university will promptly seek authority from the National Park Service to allow the remains identified in your letter to be reinterred. We plan to do so by requesting a recommendation from its Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee that would enable us to offer the remains promptly for reburial. We look forward to a positive resolution to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Hartzell", with a large, stylized flourish.

Jay Hartzell

cc: Ann Stevens, Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Brian Roberts, Director, Texas Archeological Research Laboratory

JAY HARTZELL, President