



**The Office of Vince Ryan
County Attorney**

February 10, 2015

Re: Reference and Support of Dee Maner
Corrections Conservation Corps

This is a letter of reference and support for Dee Maner.

As a Senior Assistant Harris County Attorney, I had the opportunity and privilege of working with Dee Maner on an award-winning project that trained criminal justice inmates and cleaned up Greens Bayou north of the Houston Ship Channel.

During 1994-1996, Dee Maner designed and implemented a water safety and work program that trained inmates from the Harris County system to remove trash and debris that littered and polluted the banks and waterways. Dee's program was reviewed and approved by numerous government agencies including: the U.S. Coast Guard, Harris County Commissioner Precinct Two, the Harris County Sheriff's Department, the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, the Harris County Attorney's Office, the Port Authority of Houston, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The Greens Bayou cleanup program was personally reviewed and recommended by the Chair of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Carol Vance.

Texas Governor George W. Bush personally presented Dee Maner an award for her work.

Dee's program was featured on the Fox Network News program "City Under Siege" and by CBS KHOU Channel 11 in an award-winning documentary.

I can say with personal knowledge that Dee Maner's leadership style, teaching skills and commitment to productivity have been and will be of enormous value to the program participants and our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terence L. O'Rourke".

Terence L. O'Rourke
Special Assistant Harris County Attorney