Senior Vice President for Business Affairs

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Taylor Eighmy UTSA President

Dear President Eighmy,

As we move from the visioning phase to the evaluative phase of ITC Centennial 2068, the extensive work of the Steering Committee has created a robust model to guide the successful evaluation of their three comprehensive scenarios. I formally accept the charge to lead the evaluative process to realize the ITC Centennial 2068 vision. My division has begun acting on the next steps required to prepare a formal Request for Information (RFI) from subject matter experts with specific knowledge of museums and cultural centers, placemaking, building assessment and engineering, architectural and historical structures, and real estate development.

To begin the evaluative process, we are reviewing the institute's needs, based on accreditation standards and current and future space requirements. We have already engaged external firms to prepare a property condition assessment report, archaeological review, environmental report, and an appraisal for the Texas Pavilion building. In addition to evaluations of the existing building and broader site, assessments have also begun on options for the two scenarios that discuss relocation of the institute, ensuring it remains housed in a culturally responsible manner and meets national accreditation standards. These evaluative reports will be made available on the ITC 2068 Visioning website.

These reports—in addition to reports on various aspects of ITC's operations from over the past years, as well as historical reports from earlier efforts—will be foundational to the RFI, a formal public engagement process to seek expert input regarding building and development projects undertaken by the university. Through the RFI, we will collect feedback and creative solutions from subject matter experts regarding the Steering Committee's three equally important scenarios.

I expect to issue the RFI in fall 2022, and I will assemble an internal team to review and analyze submissions that we receive. Once we review all information pertaining to the three scenarios, we will prepare our analysis and present our findings to UTSA executive leadership by June 2023. Response materials from the RFI as well as our analyses and findings will be published <u>online</u>.

We are fully committed to a transparent, engaging process and will continue our communication efforts to provide ongoing updates to our community stakeholders, whose invaluable engagement and input helped develop the scenarios.

Great universities do need great museums. I believe in the vision of ITC Centennial 2068 and remain focused on strengthening the placemaking efforts that are reimagining public spaces in the heart of our community.

Sincerely,

Veronica Salazar

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