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To Whom It May Concern:

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center has consented to give data to Jamie McNiel, graduate student in the Department of Sociology at Texas State University-San Marcos, for use in her thesis project. Based upon meetings and emails with Jamie McNiel and Dr. Chad Smith (Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Chair of Nichole McNiel's Thesis) in June, we have agreed to provide her with a list of 5-digit zip codes of current members. We will also include a request, on her behalf, in our November Member Newsletter asking for members to contact her if they are interested in participating in an interview for the purposes of her thesis. Jamie McNiel will also provide the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center with a copy of her completed thesis, although we do realize the Center will not be mentioned by name or in any way directly in her thesis.

Please note that no names, addresses, contact information, membership support level, or history of giving are being or will be provided; rather, only the 5-digit zip codes of current members are being released.

Jamie McNiel has instructed us that once she retains approval from the IRB, she will contact us for the listing of 5-digit zip codes and provide specific wording to be placed in the November newsletter for her interview request. We will remain in close contact with her, as well as her thesis committee chair, Dr. Chad Smith.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Carolyn Connerat, Executive Director of Recurring Gifts and Services