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Texas Public Information Act Request ? Walmart ?Spark Good/SparkGood? Program (Deed Verification; Eligibility Category; Donation History; MPPD/City of Mount Pleasant)

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Accordingly, please provide, no later than close of business today:

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We will consider this request closed. 03/03/2026

Thank you,
Candias Webster, TRMC, CMC
Assistant City Manager/ City Secretary
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Office: 903-575-4000
Cell: [redacted]
Fax: 903-577-1828

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