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Arturo "Art" Camacho, MMC  
City Secretary  
Haltom City, Texas

Art Camacho, City Secretary for Haltom City, TX, has had a profound history of leadership and service with the North Texas Municipal Clerks' Association (NTMCA) and the Texas Municipal Clerks Association (TMCA) as well.

Art is an active and enthusiastic strength in the profession. Prior to his initial TMCA certification in 2003, Dr. Joyce Snay, Texas' Certification Director, asked him to serve on the TMCA Certification Committee. Art has continued to serve the organization every year since then as a committee member or committee chair for multiple committees, TMCA Election Law Seminar instructor, executive board member and our 2014 TMCA President. He is an exceptional advocate for the organization and profession and has participated as a speaker at a Texas Municipal League Conference and Women in Government – Role of a Municipal Clerk, as well as being a board liaison for the Association's Retirement, Scholarship, Audit and Nominating Committees. He was recognized as Clerk of the Year for both the Bluebonnet and North Texas Municipal Clerks Associations and, finally, as the 2016 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year.

Art is constantly thinking about new initiatives to increase membership and personally funded an annual NTMCA membership for 2017. Prior to that, he used proceeds from the sale of State seals to fund three NTMCA memberships and previous to that, donations to the NTMCA Alyce Deering Scholarship. As TMCA President, he began an initiative to encourage TMCA members to pay their annual memberships by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year through an incentive of winning tickets to a Dallas Cowboys football game. This proved to be effective and resulted in \$50,890.00 in paid annual membership dues by December 31, 2014, and \$56,420.00 in December 31, 2015, setting a new high in TMCA memberships with 951, breaking the record of 931 set in 2012. Art's outstanding leadership is also responsible for the Adopt-a-Clerk Program where tenured City Secretaries are encouraged to communicate with new or neighboring City Secretaries and take them to a monthly chapter meeting. This program has gained acclaim state-wide to embrace City Secretaries from small to large cities.

Art received the Northeast Chamber of Commerce for the Siegrid Charbonnet Community Spirit Award in 2013 for his enthusiastic spirit of cooperation in dealing with other members and a consistent community spirit by volunteering time and effort to Chamber events and community causes. In 2014, he received the Northeast Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year that recognizes Chamber volunteers who gave so much time and effort to make Chamber events and programs more successful. Art is an active member of the Church of God in Mineral Wells, TX, teaches Sunday School each week and provides the music for the services.

Art continually leads by example and exhibits a pattern of service to others, personally, professionally and ethically. He is a thoughtful leader and a trusted and sought out mentor.