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# CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS

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## **MAYOR'S LETTER FEBRUARY 2013**

**Written by Mayor Russell Hamley**

The City of Jersey Village is looking for a new Chief Executive Officer. Nominally titled "Mayor", the job comes with a minimum two-year commitment. The job will begin on May 20, 2013.

As the CEO / Mayor, he or she answers to the citizens and taxpayers and serves as the spokesperson for the city. She or he will interface on a regular basis with numerous other government entities. He or she will represent Jersey Village with the county commissioner and county judge, congressional representatives and mayors of other small towns in Harris County. As CEO, he or she will attend meetings with the Harris County Flood Control District, Houston-Galveston Area Council, TxDOT and the Harris County Toll Road Authority.

The candidate must demonstrate strong leadership qualities and challenge others to develop as leaders while serving as a role model and mentor. He or she will work with City Council to oversee a budget of \$14 million, 96 city employees and an operation that must run 24/7, including holidays and emergencies. As CEO, she or he will chair all city council, budget and workshop meetings for the next 24 months. Attendance at numerous public ceremonies (i.e. the opening or construction of new facilities) is mandatory.

The right candidate will be seen by citizens as the person who can fix all things in the city and will hear from them with ideas for new programs and services as well as complaints about everything from street construction to noisy neighbors to red light cameras. He or she should be willing to seek out and participate in development opportunities above and beyond what is specifically required.

There is no monetary compensation for the job; there are no holidays, benefits or paid vacations. What the right candidate will receive, however, is the satisfaction that comes from giving something back to the community and the opportunity to use his or her experience to make Jersey Village a better place to live.

The selection committee is comprised of all eligible voters and they will decide on the appropriate candidate on Saturday, May 11, 2013. The good news is that, to be selected, you need only one vote more than 50% of those casting ballots.

If you are interested in this unique and rewarding job, please contact the City Secretary at City Hall (713 466-2102). She will take your application and instruct you on all the government forms and regulations. The filing period for the Mayor's position as well as Council Positions 2 and 3 begins January 30, 2013, and runs until 5:00 PM March 1, 2013.