

## HCC Issues of Concern

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Since officially taking office in January of this year, several issues of concern at HCC have come to my attention that all taxpayers and concerned citizens need to be made aware.

I. HCC's Contract with Qatar. The Qatar contract was not reviewed by any lawyer before \$43 million of local taxpayers money was committed to help a foreign government while tens of thousands of Houston area residents still need financial help to attend HCC to secure an associate degree or workforce retraining. This happened before I was elected last year - November 2011. I support terminating this contract immediately.

I will be asking the Board of Trustees to adopt a written policy specifically requiring that all HCC contracts be reviewed by the System's General Counsel before they are signed.

We need to know, now, how many other contracts have been signed in the last five years that weren't reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's Office, especially international agreements and contracts of \$50,000 or more.

The Qatar government is segregating students by gender, a material violation of the terms of the contract with HCC. I support Title IX and HCC should support and enforce it at home and abroad. I hope Chancellor Mary Spangler and the five (5) women majority of the HCC Board of Trustees agree and will join me in voting to terminate the Qatar contract immediately.

