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The Travis County District Attorney's Office today released the following statement:

Don Robert Hodge, the former director of the City of Austin Convention Center Department, today entered a plea of guilty before Travis County District Judge Bob Perkins to five counts of tampering with a governmental record, a Class A misdemeanor. Hodge was sentenced to two years deferred adjudication and was ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine. In addition, Hodge was ordered to submit a public apology letter and will have to complete 120 community service restitution (CSR) hours.

The indictment alleges that Hodge made false representations in Austin Convention Center Department Quality of Service Surveys submitted to the Austin Convention Center Department from October 2005 through February 2007. Quality of Service Surveys are used by city management to determine performance pay for Convention Center employees.

This case stemmed from a criminal investigation of the Austin Convention Center Department by the City Auditor, the Austin Police Department and the Travis County District Attorney's Office.