

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Economic & International Development Department

AGENDA DATE: June 17, 2014 Regular Agenda

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Cary S. Westin, Director, (915) 212-1614

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action that the Mayor be authorized to certify that a geographic area within the City of El Paso meets the necessary unemployment rate to qualify as a high unemployment area under the federal EB-5 program regulations in accordance with Texas Governor Rick Perry's designation of such authority to mayors of cities in the state of Texas and pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 204.6(i).

[Economic & International Development, Cary S. Westin, Director, (915) 212-1614].

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On October 24, 2011, Governor Rick Perry, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 204.6(i), designated to mayors of cities or towns located within a metropolitan statistical area, or cities or towns with a population of 20,000 or more, the ability to certify areas of high unemployment within the boundaries of the incorporated city or town.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

No.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A.

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____



**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CERTIFY THAT AREAS
WITHIN THE CITY OF EL PASO MEET THE NECESSARY UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE TO QUALIFY AS HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS UNDER THE FEDERAL
EB-5 PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2011, Governor Rick Perry, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 204.6(i), designated to mayors of cities or towns located within a metropolitan statistical area, or cities or towns with a population of 20,000 or more, the ability to certify areas of high unemployment within the boundaries of the incorporated city or town; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (the "City") is a home-rule municipal corporation with a population greater than 20,000; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Mayor utilize the designated authority granted by the Governor in order to help facilitate foreign investment in the City for the purposes of capital investment and job creation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to certify that geographic areas within the City of El Paso meet the necessary unemployment rate to qualify as a high unemployment areas under the federal EB-5 program regulations in accordance with Texas Governor Rick Perry's designation of such authority to mayors of cities in the state of Texas and pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 204.6(i).

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2014.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]


CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leaser, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richarda D. Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Matthew K. Behrens
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT



Cary Westin, Director
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S E R V I C E S O L U T I O N S S U C C E S S

[MONTH] [DAY], [YEAR]

[NAME]
[ENTITY]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

RE: Targeted Employment Area Designation

Dear [NAME]:

On October 24, 2011, Texas Governor Rick Perry delegated his authority to certify that a particular geographic or political subdivision meets the unemployment rate criteria to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area (as such term is defined at 8 CFR §204.6(e), "TEA") to, among others, local mayors in the State of Texas, as the appropriate government officials of the state to carry out such certifications. Pursuant to that authority, we hereby certify the geographic area comprised of the below-listed grouping of contiguous census tracts in the City of El Paso, Texas, as a single Targeted Employment Area:

Insert Census Tracts

We make this certification based on the reasonable methodology employed by [CONTRACTOR], in preparing that certain economic study dated [DATE] (the "Economic Study"). As demonstrated in the Economic Study, the TEA designated hereby has experienced unemployment of at least 150% of the national average and therefore meets the definition of a TEA found at 8 CFR §204.6(e).

Best regards,

Oscar Leaser
Mayor
The City of El Paso, Texas



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Oscar Leaser

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