



THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF WESLACO

October 25, 2010

The Honorable A. C. Cuellar, Jr.
Hidalgo County Commissioner, Precinct 1
1902 Joe Stephens Avenue
Weslaco, Texas 78596

RE: Burial of Drainage Canal
SDI Weslaco Holdings Subdivision, Weslaco

Dear Commissioner Cuellar:

The Hidalgo County Drainage District buried the drainage canal in front of the J. C. Penney's development in Weslaco. However, a portion of the canal was left open.

The original plan was for the burial of the drainage canal from Wal-Mart east to Bridge Street. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, this did not happen. It is crucial for public safety and for the development that the canal burial take place.

My understanding is that SDI had provided an easement and that, in their portion of the area, roughly thirty-five feet of the canal was not buried. That area now is under construction, so it is crucial for this area to be covered up. The Olivo property also needs to be buried, provided that Olivo provides the District with an easement. If that does not happen, the SDI portion certainly needs to be covered.

Time is of the essence and I urge you to move on this matter as soon as possible. At the November 2 meeting of the Weslaco City Commission, the agenda will include an item to discuss an Interlocal Agreement with the District to get this work done.

As always, if anything is needed from the EDC, we stand ready to assist you if called upon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Herman Gonzalez'.

Herman Gonzalez
Executive Director

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cc: Godfrey Garza, Hidalgo County Drainage District
Leo Olivares, City Manager, City of Weslaco
Bernard Rodriguez, Interim Planning Director, City of Weslaco

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October 20, 2010

The Honorable A.C. Cuellar, Jr.
Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct 1
1902 Joe Stephens Ave.
Weslaco, TX 78596

Re: Drain Ditch Improvements
Highway 83 & Bridge Street
Weslaco, Texas

Dear Commissioner Cuellar:

The City of Weslaco previously requested the assistance of the County in completing the closure of the described drain ditch. I appeal to you now with some urgency, as the City and property owner collaborate to improve flood control, enhance public safety, and further economic development.

In the past, the Hidalgo County Drainage District Number One provided material and labor necessary to install storm sewer pipe in the open ditch that is located along the front of the site paralleling the freeway frontage road. The District did so in compliance with the District Board of Directors commitment in 1998. However, approximately 20 feet of open drain ditch exists on the proposed site; an additional 150 feet of open drain ditch exists from that point to Bridge Street.

Kindly consider providing the material and labor to fill the remaining 170 feet. I am happy to meet at your convenience in order to finalize the project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Miguel D. Wise
Mayor