



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
County Of Hidalgo

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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Governor Greg Abbott
C/O Brian Daniels, Director of Economic Development
Office of the Governor
P.O Box 12428
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Dear Governor Abbott:

We are excited to participate in the Opportunity Zones community development program created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The legislation indicates the governor may submit twenty-five percent of eligible Census Tracts for Opportunity Zone consideration. However we believe statewide, many eligible tracts are not developable due to various factors. We believe that every eligible tract in Hidalgo County has the potential for strong economic development. Therefore, we are submitting all eligible tracts for consideration, as well as a listing detailing higher priority census tracts.

Attached to this letter is a map of Hidalgo County divided by eligible Census Tracts. We have chosen tracks of high priority and are requesting Opportunity Zone designation for them. Some projects that will fall within these tracts include:

- **State Highway 365**
- **I-69 Central**
- **The International Bridge Trade Corridor**
- **The US 83 Relief Route**
- **State Highway 68**
- **Farm-toMarket-1925**
- **International Bridges**
- **Various green energy projects**

These projects will bring billions of dollars in investments, facilitate commercial and residential transportation within our region, and bring countless benefits to our growing population.

Opportunity Zone designation for the requested Census Tracts will be instrumental in furthering the development of our region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ramon Garcia
County Judge