



Dear Commissioner Cuellar,

We would like to formally request that Hidalgo County Precinct 1 consider taking measures to include the town of Hargill, Texas in Hidalgo County's Unincorporated Subdivisions Street Lights Program.

Hargill is an unincorporated town with a population of 877, according to the 2010 census, and 530 property owners, according to records from the Hidalgo County Appraisal District's website. Our organization, ARISE (A Resource in Serving Equality), has been working with Hargill families for eight years, providing English classes, a health support group, informal driver's education coaching, sewing, stress-relief exercise classes, and personal development classes for families. In September of 2015, ARISE took a more permanent step to be present in this rural community, opening up our newest community center at 29560 Wilson Avenue in Hargill. The center now offers an early childhood program, arts and crafts, alternative medicine and baking classes in addition to the previously mentioned programs. We currently serve 160 families in Hargill.

Our Hargill members have identified public light as one of the basic services lacking in their community, and as such, ARISE organizer Andrea Landeros has begun collecting signatures for Hargill's application for the Unincorporated Subdivisions Street Lights Program. Over the course of the past two months, Mrs. Landeros has already mobilized 10 community leaders, who work on a volunteer basis with her to collect signatures for the application. With the help of her volunteers, Mrs. Landeros has already collected 98 signatures in favor of public light.

Complicating our efforts, however, is the fact that Hargill is a town rather than a subdivision. Coming up with an accurate percentage of residents in favor of the project will depend on where the boundaries for Hargill's public light application are drawn. Therefore, in order to adequately prepare the application for Hargill, we would like to make three requests:

1. We request that Hargill be divided into four quadrants—perhaps FM 490 and FM 493 would be appropriate dividing lines—such that if one quadrant is able to come up with signatures for 75% of its residents, that quadrant could be eligible for installation of public light, even if the other quadrants do not reach 75%. In addition, we request that boundaries for the outer limits of Hargill be established for the purpose of this application.
2. We request that a cost study for public light installation and maintenance be performed as soon as possible, in order to more accurately reflect the estimated cost of public lighting in Hargill when we speak with residents and ask them to sign their commitment with us to pay the annual fee for public light.
3. We request a tax delinquency report for Hargill be conducted.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience how we may proceed.

Sincerely,

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