



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE: July 9, 2012

CONSENT OR REGULAR: Regular

CONTRACT REFERENCE NO
(IF APPLICABLE): N/A

SUBJECT: To approve and take action on a Letter of Support from Commissioners Court to the City of El Paso in support of having City Council direct the monies allocated to the Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED) at UTEP in a resolution approved on January 24, 2012, in the amount of \$30,000 for use in Mission Trail Planning.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION OF TOPIC: The City of El Paso has given IPED \$30,000 for work on economic development planning. City representative Steve Ortega would like to use the money to create a consolidated economic development plan for the Mission Trail. He is asking the Commissioners Court to support the use of the money to IPED for Mission Trail Planning.

Over the past 2 decades, several different economic development plans have been created for the Mission Trail by various entities and agencies, including the City of El Paso, City of Socorro, U.S. Dept of the Interior, Mission Valley Steering Committee and the State of Texas, among others. Unfortunately, none of these plans were ever implemented.

Representative Ortega intends to ask the City Council to direct the use of those funds to create a consolidated plan with features that can be implemented over the next couple of years. He and Commissioner Chozet, with the help of Rosemary Neill, El Paso Community Foundation, Catholic Diocese, Convention and Visitors Bureau, and City Manager Joyce Wilson, will be working to ensure that this consolidated plan is implemented.

One of the priorities in this consolidated plan should be the landscaping of the San Elizario town center and cleaning up Socorro road, the main thoroughfare along the Mission Trail.

PRIOR COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION (IF ANY): N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Approve writing and sending Letter of Support from Commissioners Court to the City of El Paso in support of having City Council direct the monies they allocated for the Institute for Policy and Economic Development (IPED) at UTEP in the amount of \$30,000 for use in Mission Trail Planning.

COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL

The attached document has been given legal review by the El Paso County Attorney's Office on behalf of the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees. Said legal review should not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

LEGAL REVIEW NOTES (If Applicable):

DATE:

SUBMITTED BY:

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