



CITY OF LAREDO

Office of the City Manager

September 2, 2016

Mr. Jaime A. Canales
Webb County Commissioner, Pct. 4
1000 Houston St., 1st Floor
Laredo, TX 78042

Dear Commissioner:

The City of Laredo, together with the Laredo Healthcare Coalition, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, numerous City departments, community partners and agencies will be hosting the first Stand Down for Homeless Veterans on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Soccer Complex located at 6002 Thomas Avenue.

The Stand Down for Homeless Veterans was first held in San Diego, California in 1988 with the support of Vietnam Veterans of San Diego and is modeled after the normal place of recovery where troops would rest and recover during times of war in relative safety. This event serves as a community-based intervention where homeless veterans can be safely brought together to a single location, and have access to community resources and supplies needed to address their problems and rebuild their lives.

This event will provide homeless veterans such items as food, a care package to include toiletries, educational opportunities, (vocational training, benefits updates), medical check-ups (health screening, dental check-ups, blood pressure screening), haircuts, employment and housing opportunities and referrals. It is anticipated that 300 men, women and children could attend the event.

The City of Laredo is respectfully requesting your cooperation with transportation assistance is of utmost importance and greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Arturo Garcia, Acting Community Development Director at (956) 795-5701.

Sincerely,

Jesus M. Olivares
City Manager