

COUNTY OF WEBB

**NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE (NEZ),
NUMBER ONE, TAX ABATEMENT AND
INCENTIVE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between **Roberto Vela**, a Texas Corporation, duly authorized to transact business in Texas, and the County of Webb, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, (the "County"), pursuant to the authority of Chapters 318 and 378 of the Texas Local Government Code, and shall be effective when duly executed by signature of the authorized representative for each party hereto.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County of Webb pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 312 and 378 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas, known as the "Neighborhood Empowerment Zone," has designated an area as an empowerment zone, thereby making the area eligible as a reinvestment zone for tax abatement under Section 312.002 of the Tax Code; and other incentives;

WHEREAS, **Roberto Vela** is the owner of the land located within said Neighborhood Empowerment Zone, NUMBER ONE and described as **1920 San Bernardo Avenue**, ("Property") which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to promote and encourage the development of the community and the expansion and growth of the Property;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the County and **Roberto Vela** have this day entered into the following contract and agreement:

I. TERM

This agreement shall be for a period of **5** years becoming effective on January 1 of the year following the year in which a Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

II. Roberto Vela COVENANTS

A. Project

Roberto Vela shall cause to be constructed a commercial project located at **1920 San Bernardo Avenue, Lots 5,6,7,8 (N 2 vs.) of Lot 3 & 0.0762 R.O.W Block 479, Western Division** that consists of **(10) new professional offices and retail use with an estimated value of at least \$836,500.89.** **Roberto Vela** agrees to limit the use of the property described herein for said professional office and retail use as that term is defined in the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Laredo.

B. Completion Date

Roberto Vela certifies that the project construction will be completed within one year from issuance and receipt of the building permit, unless delayed because of force majeure, in which case the one year shall be extended by the number of days comprising the specific force majeure. For purposes of this Agreement, force majeure shall mean an event beyond Roberto Vela's reasonable control as determined by the County of Webb in its sole discretion, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, including, without limitation, delays caused by adverse weather, delays in receipt of any required permits or approvals from any governmental authority, acts of God, or fires. Force majeure shall not include construction delays caused due to purely financial matters, such as, without limitation, delays in obtaining of adequate financing.

C. Use of Property

Roberto Vela covenants that the project shall be constructed in a manner that is consistent with the general purposes of encouraging development or redevelopment in the Zone and the Property shall be continuously used as professional offices and retail use.

III. TAX ABATEMENT

Subject to and in accordance with this Agreement, the County hereby grants to Roberto Vela a real property tax abatement of County of Webb imposed taxes on the Property for a period of 5 years. The total estimated amount of the Abatement granted under this Agreement shall be approximately \$17,344.85.

IV. WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES

Subject to and in accordance with this Agreement, the County hereby agrees to waive all fees associated with acquiring the necessary building permit, plan review, plumbing permit, sprinkler system permit for development of the property. The estimated amount of permit fees to be waived is approximately N/A.

V. RECORDS, AUDITS AND EVALUATION OF REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS

A. Inspection of Property

Between the execution date of this Agreement and the last day of the Term, at any time during normal office hours throughout the Term and the year following the Term and following reasonable notice to Roberto Vela the County shall have and Roberto Vela shall provide access to the Property in order for the County to inspect the Property and evaluate the required improvements to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Roberto Vela shall cooperate fully with the County during any such inspection and/or evaluation.

B. Certification

Roberto Vela shall certify annually to the County that it is in compliance with each applicable term of this Agreement. The County shall have the right to audit the Property. **Roberto Vela** shall make all applicable records available to the County following reasonable advance notice by the County and shall otherwise cooperate fully with the County during any audit.

VI. DEFAULT AND RECAPTURE

Roberto Vela shall be in default of this Agreement if **Roberto Vela** for any reason refuses, fails, or neglects to substantially comply with the development of the property, or discontinues the **professional offices and retail use** operation as required by the terms of this Agreement, or if any representation made by **Roberto Vela** is false or misleading in any material aspect. Termination of this Agreement may be effected if default is not cured within sixty (60) days after written notice by the County to **Roberto Vela**. If the County terminates this Agreement as a result of default by **Roberto Vela**, the tax abatement shall be immediately abolished and the County shall have the right to recapture the amount of all previously waived permit and inspection fees, and the taxes previously abated. In the event of termination, a bill for the total amounts due will be sent to **Roberto Vela**, and **Roberto Vela** hereby agrees to pay the total amounts due within sixty (60) days after receipt of the bill. Statutory penalties interest and attorneys fees will accrue if **Roberto Vela** fails to timely pay the bill. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude **Roberto Vela** from disputing the bill.

VII. TERMINATION AT WILL

If the County and **Roberto Vela** mutually determine that the development or use of the Property is longer appropriate or feasible, or that a better use is preferable, the County and **Roberto Vela** may terminate this Agreement in writing signed by both parties. In this event, if the Term has commenced, the Term shall expire as of the effective date of the termination of this Agreement; there shall be no recapture of any taxes previously abated or fees waived; and neither party shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder.

VIII. VENUE AND JURISDICTION

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and applicable ordinances, rules, regulations or policies of the County of Webb. Venue for any action under this Agreement shall lie in the State District Court of Webb County, Texas. This Agreement is performable in Webb County, Texas.

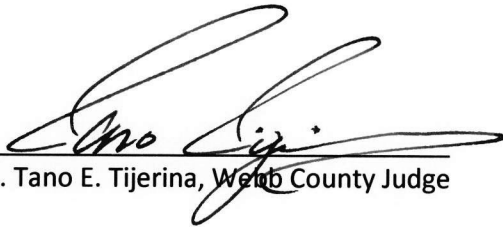
IX. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired.

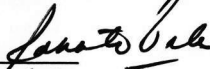
X. BINDING EFFECT

This agreement shall insure to the benefit of and be binding upon the County of Webb and Roberto Vela and their affiliated, subsidiaries, successors and assigns.

Executed this 29th day of December 2015, by County of Webb.

BY: 
Hon. Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

Executed this 29th day of Dec 2015, by Roberto Vela

BY: ROBERTO VELA 
Name: ROBERTO VELA
Title: GENERAL MANAGER

Attest:


Margie Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

