



CITY OF LAREDO

Office of the City Manager

February 9, 2022

Webb County Commissioners Court
1110 Victoria St. Suite 201
Laredo, Texas 78040

RE: Letter of Support for American Rescue Plan Act Sub-Recipient Assistance Grant Application for the Rio Grande International Study Center

Dear County Commissioners:

The City of Laredo City Manager's Office and Vanessa Perez, City Council Member for Dist. 7, submit this letter in support of the Rio Grande International Study Center's (RGISC) application for the American Rescue Plan Act Sub-Recipient Assistance Grant, in its full amount of \$200,000, to conduct critical initial engineering and economic analyses to pilot a first-of-its-kind waste-to-energy project known as a Community Water and Energy Resource Center (CWERC) in the Laredo region.

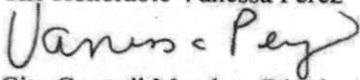
Currently, Laredo (and surrounding areas) need additional wastewater treatment capacity to meet both existing and projected future demand. Funding this proposal will allow RGISC to assess the value of and site a CWERC to meet Laredo's increasing need for wastewater treatment, while also assessing the value of such a facility to aid in the restoration of local water resources, reduce potable water demand, enhance native habitats, reduce water and wastewater utility costs, and enhance local renewable energy production. These objectives, from siting, to natural resource restoration, to the economics, will determine whether the construction of a CWERC is desirable, and therefore attainable. For reference, the attached graphic provides a visual representation of how a CWERC operates.

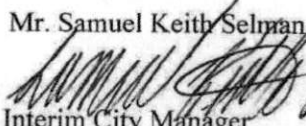
Our Laredo water, wastewater, and infrastructure department managers and employees look forward to working closely with the RGISC team as this opportunity is evaluated. Please let us know if you need additional assistance. Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact our offices by phone or email at:

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Sincerely yours,

The Honorable Vanessa Perez

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Interim City Manager