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Former Hospital Building Joint Site Analysis

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Dear Mr. Carranco,

Please be informed that the Laredo Housing Authority will not continue to entertain the joint site analysis of the Former Hospital Building, 1500 Logan. Please see attached letter for additional information.

Sincerely,

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Via Email: mayorsaenz@ci.laredo.tx.us
Pete Saenz,
Honorable Mayor

and

Via Email: hdeleon@ci.laredo.tx.us
Horacio de Leon,
City Manager

City of Laredo
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Re: LHA Joint Site Analysis, Former Hospital Building – 1500 Logan

Dear Mayor Saenz and Mr. De Leon,

Our intended purpose for this project was to assist the City of Laredo and the community in positively responding to the continued deterioration of a neighborhood, resulting from the blighted conditions of the Former Hospital Building/Property at 1500 Logan Ave.

As you may be aware, in order to proceed with conducting a joint site analysis, we (City/LHA) developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that we presented to the property owner for review and consideration. We circulated that initial draft to the property owner on August 28, 2017 and then a revised draft (with minimal edits) on September 14, 2017. In our September 14, 2017 letter to the property owner, we indicated we needed a reply to the MOU no later than 15 days from the date of the letter.

Our Interim/Acting Executive Director, Melissa Ortiz, left a phone message for Mr. Rosendo Carranco, property owner, on Monday, September 25, 2017. A return or follow-up call was not received. Later, on September 28th, she contacted Andrew Carranco, and spoke with him to remind him about the deadline to respond to the MOU (which was the next day, September 29, 2017). At close of business day of September 28, 2017, we received an email from the property owner requesting an extension of time.

The process of working towards a solution requires seriousness and diligence on the part of all involved. Unfortunately, in my personal assessment, the property owner is not demonstrating this seriousness and diligence as he failed to treat this MOU issue expeditiously. A similar disregard for prudent attention was represented on September 5, 2017, as the property owner chose not to attend the City Council meeting where the MOU was discussed.

Please be informed that the LHA will not continue to entertain the joint site analysis, given the lack of prompt responsiveness and participation from the property owner.

We look forward to always working with the City of Laredo and others in other instances when it's in the best interest of our community and constituency. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,



Jose L. Ceballos
Chairman
Laredo Housing Authority

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Andrew Carranco
Alex Perez, City Councilmember
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