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# TOM GREEN COUNTY



March 15, 2016

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)  
California Service Center  
24000 Avila Road  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0526

RE: EB-5 Designation of Targeted Employment Area

To Whom It May Concern:

As the County Judge for Tom Green County, Texas, by the authority granted to me by the State of Texas (letter attached), I hereby designate that the following twenty-one (21) contiguous Texas census block groups compose a single Targeted Employment Area (TEA):

Block Group 2, Census Tract 1, Tom Green County	Block Group 4, Census Tract 12, Tom Green County
Block Group 2, Census Tract 3, Tom Green County	Block Group 1, Census Tract 13.01, Tom Green County
Block Group 3, Census Tract 4, Tom Green County	Block Group 2, Census Tract 13.01, Tom Green County
Block Group 4, Census Tract 4, Tom Green County	Block Group 2, Census Tract 14, Tom Green County
Block Group 8, Census Tract 4, Tom Green County	Block Group 3, Census Tract 14, Tom Green County
Block Group 2, Census Tract 7, Tom Green County	Block Group 1, Census Tract 17.04, Tom Green County
Block Group 5, Census Tract 7, Tom Green County	Block Group 3, Census Tract 17.04, Tom Green County
Block Group 1, Census Tract 9, Tom Green County	Block Group 1, Census Tract 18, Tom Green County
Block Group 2, Census Tract 9, Tom Green County	Block Group 2, Census Tract 18, Tom Green County

Block Group 1, Census Tract 11.02, Tom  
Green County

Block Group 1, Census Tract 9501, Irion  
County

Block Group 2, Census Tract 12, Tom Green County

The determination of eligibility is based on analysis of labor force data and the application of the census-share method, as described in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program Manual. The unemployment calculations were made using the American Community Survey 2009–13 data for the purpose of establishing ratios of census block group-to-county shares of employment and unemployment. Furthermore, county-level unemployment was obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics 2014 annual Local Area Unemployment Statistics. These data sets were used to determine the qualifying subareas with unemployment meeting or exceeding the current required threshold of 9.3%.

I have determined that the 2014 unemployment rate in the combined area composed of the twenty-one (21) census block groups described above is 9.3%—equal to the threshold rate of 9.3%, or 150% of the 2014 average national unemployment rate of 6.2%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. C. Floyd".

Judge Stephen C. Floyd

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