

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members of the Town of Horizon City

Cc: Veronica Rojas, Horizon City EDC Executive Assistant

FROM: Eddie Garcia, Horizon City EDC Executive Director

DATE: January 15, 2025

RE: Request for Consideration of Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board Member Appointment: Rafael Padilla

As allowed by the bylaws governing the activities of the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board and with the recommendation of the Horizon City EDC Director, staff is requesting an approval recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Rafael Padilla to the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board.

Mr. Padilla, Jr. was raised in El Paso, Texas and graduated from Socorro High School and the University of Texas at El Paso with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Currently employed by the Socorro Independent School District, Rafael oversees various departments in Facility Maintenance, and Energy & Environmental Management.

His extensive government and instructional experience dates to 1992 as a city planner, historic preservation officer and building inspector with the City of Socorro, and evenings as an instructor for El Paso Community College. Upon employment with the school district in 2000, that continued with Horizon City as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission from 2000 through 2001; Alderman Place 7 from 2001 through 2003; Alderman Place 1 from 2006 through 2008; Alderman Place 6 from 2017 through 2021 and now Alderman Place 6 from 2021 to 2025.

Rafael has dealt extensively with the City of El Paso, City of Socorro, County of El Paso, Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District, Clint Independent School District and the Texas Department of Transportation.

The Economic Development Corporation recommends approval of the appointment of Mr. Rafael Padilla based on his noted professional qualifications and his fulfillment of the requirements for qualification as a member of the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board, described below, with a specific focus on qualification point number four (4).

*Members must reside within the Town of Horizon City and each director shall meet **at least one** of the following qualifications:*

- 1. Shall possess experience in management or in an executive capacity.*
- 2. Shall have experience in the evaluation of financial and business records and projections.*
- 3. Shall have experience in economic development matters.*

4. Possess education, training or experience useful to the corporation's purposes.

In accordance with the bylaws governing the activities of the Horizon City Economic Development Corporation Board, Mr. Rafael Padilla term shall last 2 years to commence _____.

Eddie Garcia
EDC Executive Director

Date