



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

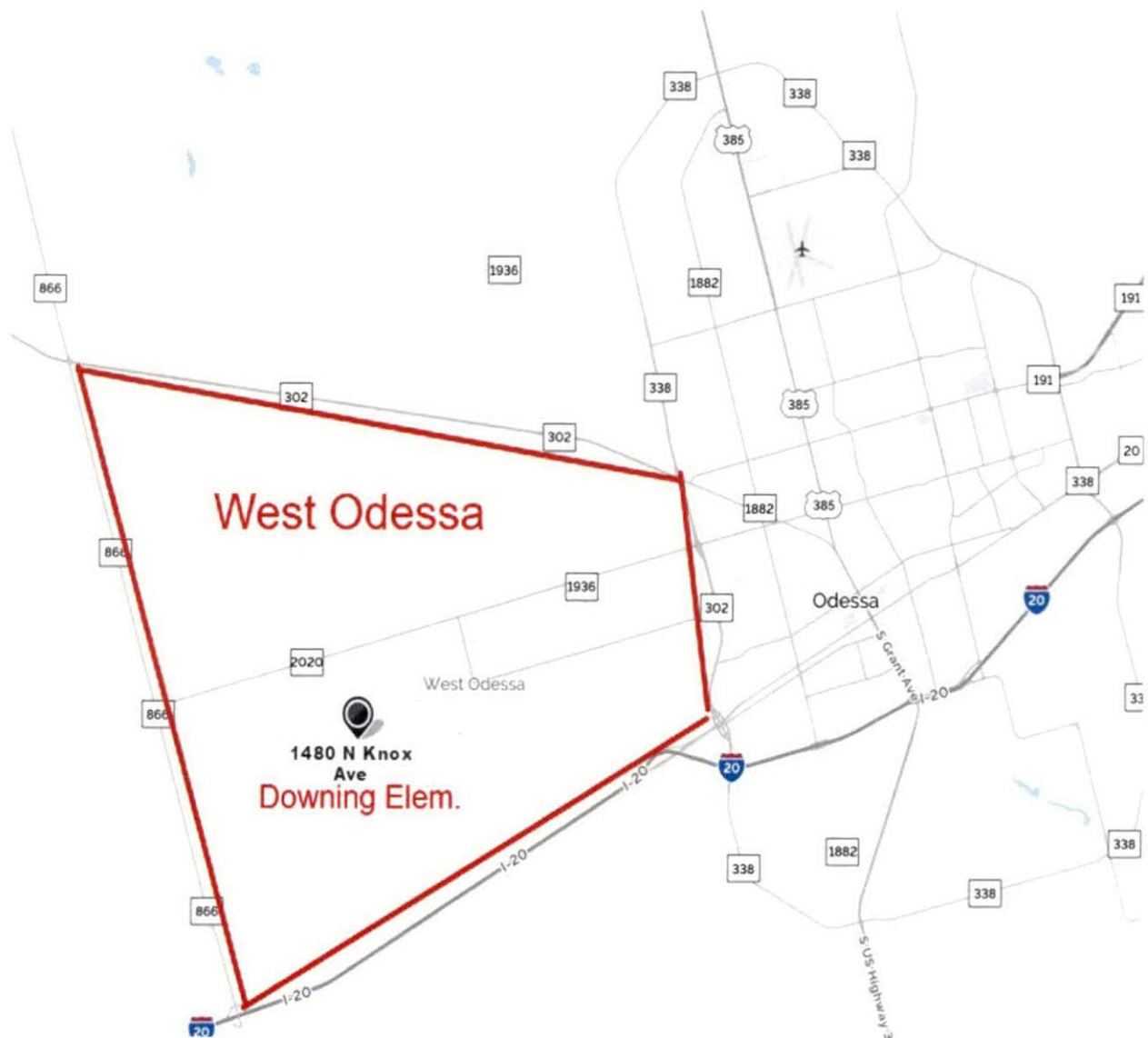
Conceptual Drawings & Case for Support

**New “West Odessa” Club Building
Located at Downing Elementary School
Knox Avenue & 16th Street**



West Odessa, Texas in Ector County a census designated place (CDP)

West Odessa is an unincorporated area in Ector County of almost thirty thousand people with limited utilities, four elementary schools, little to no building codes, virtually no youth or community facilities, and a per capita income of 38% of the national average.



Case for Support

- 1) **The need for youth services in West Odessa is, to put it mildly, huge!!!**
Good Character, Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, Enriching Experiences
- 2) By building next to Downing Elementary School and sharing some facilities and the parking lot, **the building costs are 1/3rd less** than the comparable cost of acquiring land and building a complete stand alone facility
- 3) **Ongoing operational costs will also be lower improving sustainability** (utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc...)
- 4) **The kids are literally next door, and three other elementary schools nearby**
- 5) **The school and club building will be utilized on the weekends**
- 6) Our efforts will become a **partnership with the principal and school district**
- 7) Co-locating a club at the school is becoming a **nationwide best practice**
- 8) **The Boys & Girls Club of Odessa was founded in 1958** and today serves 2,500+ children in after-school, summer, weekend and sports programs. And in 2013, the Odessa and Midland Clubs, remaining independent organizations, formed the **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Permian Basin**. Currently, there are four facilities in the Midland-Odessa area, annually serving 4,500+ youth from ages 6 to 18. Each facility has an academic/computer room, game room, art room, kitchen, gymnasium, adjacent park and a bus. A daily hot meal is served (95,000+ annually). Our average daily participation rate is 650+. As we do not want any child left behind due to a lack of financial resources or parental involvement, we try to keep our service fees very low. A child can come to the club for about 25 cents a day! And if a child can't afford the token fee, he or she is given the opportunity to do a few hours of chores to earn it.

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**Downing Elementary, 16th & Knox
Aerial View During Construction**

