

RESOLUTION # _____

**EDA DISTRESSED AREA RECOMPETE PILOT PROGRAM
“RGV RECOMPETE COALITION”**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) released a notice of funding opportunity for Phase 1 of the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program. Phase 1 will comprise of a grant opportunity for a Strategy Development Grant as well as the opportunity to submit a region’s Recompete Plan; and

WHEREAS, EDA expects to approve at least 20 Recompete Plans, which would serve as the prerequisite for submission of the Phase 2 implementation competition. EDA anticipates funding 4-8 Implementation Grants, awarding regions an average of \$50 million; and

WHEREAS, all four counties of the Rio Grande Valley have been deemed fully eligible as “Local Labor Markets” as all four counties have a prime-age employment gap (PAEG) of at least 5% and a median annual household income of no more than \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, to formalize this process in response to the funding opportunity, the region has established the RGV Recompete Coalition including these initial stakeholders as well as equitably inviting others to join per the scope of the project; and

WHEREAS, UTRGV has been selected to serve as the principal applicant and lead member organization for application and implementation, serving as the central coordinator, maintaining communication, and ensuring that funding and other assistance provided by EDA are effectively coordinated and braided within the RGV region; and

NOW THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission support the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley’s (UTRGV) submission of the region’s Recompete Plan and strategy development grant on behalf of the RGV Recompete Coalition and urge consideration of this innovative, inclusive project.

APPROVED on this the 25th day of September 2023

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary