

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1173 INTRODUCED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD RAYMOND, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) currently administers the Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) in municipalities with populations of 285,500 or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the HHSP has proven to be a vital program in addressing homelessness by supporting the construction, development, and procurement of housing and by funding local initiatives aimed at prevention and elimination of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 1173, filed by Representative Richard Raymond, proposes to amend Section 2306.2585(a) of the Texas Government Code to lower the population threshold from 285,500 to 250,000, thereby allowing additional municipalities, including the City of Laredo, to qualify for participation in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laredo, with a population above 250,000, would benefit from inclusion in HHSP funding and resources to help address homelessness in a more comprehensive and locally responsive manner; and

**WHEREAS**, access to state resources through the HHSP would support the City of Laredo's ongoing efforts to improve quality of life, public safety, and health outcomes for individuals;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section 1:** The City of Laredo strongly supports House Bill 1173 introduced by Representative Richard Raymond and urges the Texas Legislature to adopt the bill during the 89<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature.

**Section 2:** The City Manager is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Office of State Representative Richard Raymond, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, the Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Texas Legislature representing the City of Laredo.

**Section 3:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.