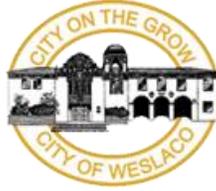


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*"The City on the Grow"*



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### **Weslaco Selected as New Home for Development Council**

*Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council to Relocate Later this Year*

Weslaco, TX – The vote was unanimous. Yesterday the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) selected the City of Weslaco as its new home when it relocates its headquarters later this year.

"We are excited that the LRGVDC voted to call Weslaco home. The LRGVDC provides much needed public services through state and federal grants. Its mission is to promote cooperation among local units of government in order to improve the region's health, safety, and general welfare and to plan for future development," said Mayor Miguel D. Wise immediately following the announcement by the Development Council of its site selection. "Their decision to accept the City's proposal affirms our commitment to economic development by bringing business investment and job creation to our community."

"It further affirms that Weslaco is emerging as the location of choice for regional headquarters," added Mayor Wise, referring to several other public and private entities that recently consolidated area operations in Weslaco, notably the Texas Department of Transportation regional headquarters.

After fifteen years at a facility in McAllen, the LRGVDC last month announced a request for proposal to relocate its administrative office, including at least five divisions with approximately 75 employees and a \$4 million annual payroll. The City of Weslaco and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) promptly responded.

The LRGVDC's Board agreed with its selection committee's choice of moving its administrative office to the building currently operated by the EDC for both its accessibility and affordability.

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