



South Texas Chapter

February 24, 2009

The Honorable Henry Garrett
City of Corpus Christi
1201 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Mayor Garrett:

On behalf of the members and the Board of Directors of The Associated General Contractors of America South Texas Chapter, we strongly support the creation of the proposed \$3 billion Las Brisas Energy Center to be built along Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor. Our organization is comprised of General Contractors, Subcontractors, and Commercial Construction Suppliers and Vendors who work in Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas who could potentially benefit from the 1,300 construction jobs created by this project. Las Brisas has received preliminary approval of its air permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The state's environmental regulatory agency has deemed that the facility would adhere to strict Texas and U.S. environmental regulations and guidelines.

Las Brisas is expected to create a 12% increase in the city's tax base and will pay more than \$400M in taxes during the first 10 years of operations. In addition to the 1,300 construction jobs, an estimated 80 to 100 permanent jobs will be created when Las Brisas becomes operational. With unemployment rising across the state, Las Brisas Energy Center should be seen for what it is: a potential boon to the Coastal Bend economy at a time when it is needed the most. Therefore, we encourage you to support the Las Brisas Energy Center project.

Sincerely,

Mike Douglas
President

Shannon Reynolds
Vice-President

Richard Dodson
Secretary/Treasurer

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