



City of Austin

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Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
California Service Center
24000 Avila Road
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0526

RE: EB-5 Designation of Targeted Employment Area in Austin, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of the City of Austin, I requested the review of the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate 2012-2016 (ACS) unemployment data to identify census tracts that qualify as Targeted Employment Areas under the provisions of the Immigration Act of 1990. Based on that review and by the authority granted to me by the State of Texas (letter attached), I hereby designate the following Travis County census tracts as Targeted Employment Areas:

6.01, 6.04, 17.12, 18.42, 21.10, 21.12, 23.12, 23.19, 24.13

The ACS 5-Year Estimate unemployment rate in these tracts was 6.6% or above – 150% of the 2017 average national unemployment rate of 4.4%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

After the updated ACS and BLS data becomes available each calendar year, the city of Austin submits an updated list of TEA eligible census tracts along with a map of those qualifying tracts to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for approval.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request

Sincerely,

Steve Adler
Mayor