



City of Austin

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
California Service Center Attn: EB-5 Processing Unit
P.O. Box 10526
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0526
Re: EB-5 Designation of Targeted Employment Areas in Austin, TX

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of the City of Austin, I requested the City Demographer to review the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate 2008-2012 (ACS) unemployment data and 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	17.81	18.26	21.08	23.12	24.35
6.03	18.06	18.40	21.10	23.15	
6.04	18.19	18.42	21.11	24.13	
7.00	18.20	18.44	21.13	24.22	
8.02	18.12	20.03	23.07	24.30	
9.02	18.22	21.05	23.10	24.32	

The ACS 5-Year Estimate unemployment rate in these tracts was 11.1% or above—150% of the 2013 average national unemployment rate of 7.4%, 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,

Lee Leffingwell
Mayor, City of Austin