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October 21, 2020

Mr. Robert Camareno  
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Re: Proposal for Representation in 2021

Dear Robert:

Enclosed are the originally-signed version of the proposal for 2021 and a copy. If the proposal is acceptable, please sign and date the copy and return it to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to assist the City of New Braunfels and to be a part of the City's team here in Washington.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Leidl  
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**B. New Braunfels Regional Airport.**

During the past several years, we have assisted the City on several issues concerning the New Braunfels Regional Airport ("Airport").

### **1. Federal Contract Tower Program Funding.**

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### **2. Federal Funding and Approvals for Airport Projects.**

The City's Master Plan Update sets forth a series of development projects at the Airport over the next several years. We supported the City's efforts in briefing the FAA's Airport District Office on the importance of the City's projects and requested its support for FAA grant funding. We propose to continue to assist the City in working with the FAA and our Congressional delegation in implementing this new Master Plan, including working to obtain Federal grant funding and approvals under the FAA's Airport Improvement Program, the Contract Tower Program, and other FAA programs that might assist the Airport.

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The City has been working with New Braunfels Utilities on an Aquifer Storage Recovery Project that would be located at the Airport. The use of Airport property for non-aviation purposes requires FAA approval pursuant to standard provisions in the City's grant agreements with the FAA. We are assisting the City in drafting a proposed Lease Agreement with NBU and in its efforts to obtain FAA approval, including working with the FAA's Airport District Office.

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### **D. Flood Mitigation Program.**

The City has a comprehensive, multi-year Flood Mitigation Program. Flooding in New Braunfels and throughout the region shows the benefits of this program and also the importance of continuing it. The Federal government has a strong role in flood control issues, including grants through the Federal Emergency Management Administration ("FEMA"), approval of revised flood maps by FEMA, and approval of flood mitigation projects by the Army Corps of Engineers. We propose to assist the City in obtaining support for its Flood Mitigation Program from these and other Federal agencies as well as our Congressional delegation.

**E. High-Speed Internet Service.**

We understand that the City is seeking to obtain high-speed internet service for the community. During our meetings in Washington, we have met with the National Telecommunications and Information Office (“NTIA”), which has been supportive in providing information and technical support on this issue. We understand that the City will continue moving forward with this important initiative in 2021. We propose to support the City’s efforts, including obtaining additional support from the NTIA and exploring opportunities for Federal funding for improved internet service in New Braunfels.

**F. Federal Legislative and Regulatory Issues.**

We have routinely tracked Federal legislative and regulatory issues that are of interest to the City, such as the FAA Reauthorization Bill, and have advocated for the City’s positions. During 2021, we propose to monitor Federal legislative initiatives, advise the City of developments, represent the City’s interests with our Congressional delegation and Federal agencies, and seek support for the City’s positions.

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