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Press Release

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RE: Von Ormy Re-Petitions San Antonio for Permission to Form City

Event. Today, Wednesday, August 1, 2007, the Committee to Incorporate Von Ormy (CIVO) re-submitted a petition to the mayor and city council of San Antonio to give the residents of Von Ormy permission to hold an election on the question of whether to incorporate Von Ormy into a municipality. CIVO originally petitioned San Antonio on October 11, 2006 and has since been in negotiations with the City of San Antonio Planning Department. This new petition includes city limits that have been pre-approved by the City of San Antonio Planning Department and CIVO and includes the written endorsement of County Commissioner "Chico" Rodriguez and State Rep. David Leibowitz.

Issues Related to This Event. Von Ormy lies within the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of San Antonio. ETJ is the area that lies between the city limit of an existing municipality and a five mile extension of that city limit. Even though the land within an ETJ of a city is not considered to be part of that city, in order to form a new municipality within the ETJ permission of the existing city in the form of a resolution or ordinance is required.

The policy behind this rule is to prevent new communities, which are entirely dependent on the growth and infrastructure of a city for their existence, from forming their own city in order to avoid city taxes and city restrictions. In the case of Von Ormy, the policy does not apply. Von Ormy has co-existed with San Antonio for nearly two-hundred years and during that time Von Ormy has maintained a distinct historic and social identity. The ETJ of San Antonio grew into Von Ormy, not the other way around.

Residents within an ETJ are "taxed" by the city by being required to pay city fees, but are not allowed to vote in the city election.

Public Support. The effort to incorporate Von Ormy into a municipality was been publicly endorsed by Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, County Commissioner "Chico" Rodriguez, State Representative David McQuade Leibowitz, and many others.

Committee to Incorporate Von Ormy (CIVO) is a Texas non-profit association formed in the summer of 2006 by residents of Von Ormy, Texas to incorporate Von Ormy into a municipality. The CIVO website can be found at <http://www.vonormytexas.com/civo.shtml>. The current CIVO officers are: