

Committee to Incorporate Von Ormy



Press Release

May 10 2008

RE: City of Von Ormy Established by Voters.

Event:

On May 10th 2008 the voters of Von Ormy, Texas, by a vote of 117 in favor and 16 against, passed a proposition to establish the city of Von Ormy, Texas in Southwest Bexar County.

Residents gathered for a victory celebration at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and toasted to the new city with locally made wine and champagne. Residents then processed to the church's bell tower and rang the bell for nearly one hour. The church's bell dates to the 1840's and is perhaps the oldest continuously used community symbol in Von Ormy. It is still rung as it was in the old days by manually pulling on ropes. The last time residents rang the bell for an hour was at the end of World War II, a local historian noted to the crowd. Everyone present took turns ringing the bell, young and old. The bell is named "San Ignacio"; it was a Mexican tradition in the 19th century to

symbolically baptize church bells and give them names. The name "San Ignacio" is cast into the bell, and it is rung before every mass. Every Von Ormian since the 1840's has heard "San Ignacio" ring and in this night it rang proudly to usher in a new era in the community's history.

The Committee to Incorporate Von Ormy is proud to announce that it has accomplished its goal in creating the city of Von Ormy with a near 90 percent consensus.

CIVO would like to humbly thank everyone involved with the incorporation effort, especially our great CIVO members, volunteers, and everyone who contributed to the campaign in any way. It was truly a community effort and the results demonstrate this clearly.

The next step in the incorporation process is for Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff to sign an order of incorporation and enter the city of Von Ormy into the official record of Bexar County Commissioner's Court. This is tentatively set to occur on Friday, May 30th, 2008. An election to elect a Mayor, 5 at-large Alderman, and a Marshall will be held in the November General Election

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>

The current CIVO officers are:

Chair Art Martinez de Vara, Attorney

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Asst. Chair Mike Suarez, Internet Specialist

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