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RE: Von Ormy Plans Annual Trip to DC

The City of Von Ormy has approved plans for its annual trip to Washington, DC. Mayor Art Martinez de Vara, City Administrator Kathryn Word, Councilman James Sweeney and Councilman Andrew Flores, Jr. will travel to the nation's capital to advocate for Von Ormy and its many projects.

The City Council of Von Ormy approved the Mayor's plan to apply for federal assistance to construct a sewer system, a community center, fair grounds, additional master plan funds, new roads and police equipment in 2010. Members of the delegation will meet with all four San Antonio area Representatives and Senators Hutchinson and Cornyn. The trip is planned for the week of February 22nd.

Von Ormy made a similar trip last year seeking funds for three projects. Two of those projects received funding. \$70,000 for a Master Plan and \$1.6 million for a fire station.

USABLE QUOTES:

Mayor Martinez de Vara said, "Last year our tax revenues were just under \$100,000, but we received nearly \$1.7 million in grants. By any standard that should be considered an effective strategy, so we are doing it again this year, plus adding a few things that we learned. I hope we will be successful again in advocating for Von Ormy."

Mayor Martinez de Vara said, "We work very hard to develop and maintain a good working relationship with all of our elected representatives and their staff. Congressman Ciro Rodriguez and his staff have been very active in helping us navigate the federal system to receive federal funds."

Mayor Martinez de Vara said, "Von Ormy is the newest city in Bexar County, and we have a lot of catching up to do. This year we hired a City Administrator whose main job is to write grants. We are focusing our grant writing on infrastructure projects that will bring essential services to our residents. This trip to Washington DC is an integral part of that aggressive plan to advocate for Von Ormy. If San Antonio does it, why not us?"

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