

Cause No. 2012-CVT-001496-D1

Eduardo A. Garza and	§	In the District Court
Uni-Trade Forwarding, L.C.,	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
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v.	§	49th Judicial District
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Hector Farias, Voices in	§	
Democratic Action (VIDA),	§	
and Jose A. Valdez,	§	
Defendants.	§	Webb County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF RAUL G. SALINAS

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WEBB

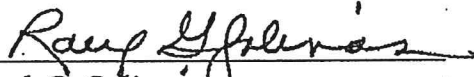
BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Raul G. Salinas, known to me, and after being duly sworn, state on oath, as follows:

1. "My name is Raul G. Salinas. I am over the age of eighteen (18), of sound mind, and have never been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude. I am in all respects competent to make this affidavit. All of the statements contained herein are true and correct within my personal knowledge.
2. I am the Mayor of the City of Laredo and have been since I was sworn in June 2006. I have known Eduardo A. Garza for more than 20 years.
3. On November 28, 2011, the City Council members voted with respect to the bid contest for the refrigerated facilities contract. The winning bid was Garros Services, LLC, which Eduardo A. Garza owns an interest. I did not cast a vote in favor or against any of the bids as the City Charter prescribes that I'm allowed to vote only in the event of a tie.

4. In 2011, the City executed leases for properties at the Laredo airport with two companies in which Eduardo A. Garza has an interest, namely Uni-Trade Forwarding, L.C., and Air Trade of Laredo, L.C. I did not vote in favor of these leases but the vote of the City Council Members was unanimous. However, I consider the leases to be fair, if not favorable, as the properties had been idle and there were no other bidders interested in the properties other than the aforementioned companies. Neither the subject lessees nor Mr. Garza got preferential treatment with respect to these leases. Their terms are standard and comparable to other leases for airport property. Additionally, the terms were reviewed and recommended by city staff. Furthermore, there are other comparable properties available under similar terms and conditions.

5. Eduardo A. Garza has never asked for me to perform any favors for him as a City official. Nor has he ever offered money or anything of value to me in exchange for my vote or abstention on any matter. I have not been paid or been provided with any gifts or anything else of value by Eduardo A. Garza in exchange for any votes or official acts.”

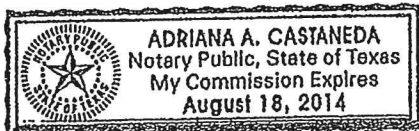
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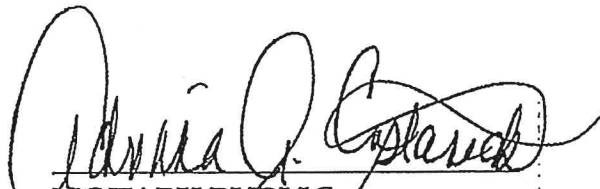

Raul G. Salinas

STATE OF TEXAS §

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SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me by Raul Salinas on this the 27th day of December 2012.




NOTARY PUBLIC
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In the District Court

49th Judicial District

Webb County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF CARLOS VILLARREAL

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WEBB

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Carlos Villarreal, known to me, and after being duly sworn, state on oath, as follows:

1. "My name is Carlos Villarreal. I am over the age of eighteen (18), of sound mind, and have never been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude. I am in all respects competent to make this affidavit. All of the statements contained herein are true and correct within my personal knowledge.
2. I am City Manager for the City of Laredo.
3. All heads of City Departments report to me. The City Purchasing Office is among these departments whose director, Francisco Meza, reports to me.
4. "Regarding the bidding process for the contract to manage the Cold Inspection Facilities, I asked Mr. Meza to join with a representative from Finance Department, a representative from Engineering Department, and a

representative from the Bridge Department to comprise a committee to evaluate the bids on an objective basis, which was set forth very clearly in Section 13 of the publicly communicated Request for Proposals, dated October 11, 2011. The committee consisted of: Jesus Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Rosario Cabello, Director of Finance; Francisco Meza, Director of Purchasing; Mario Maldonado, Bridge Manager; Yvette Limon, Assistant Bridge Manager; and Ana L. Caballero, Superintendent Bridge Cashier. The committee scored the bids on an objective set of criteria, and their scores are attached as Exhibit A, with the custodian of such records, Francisco Meza, supplying a Custodian's affidavit attesting to their accuracy, attached as Exhibit B. The reason for this committee is that the project impacts several departments and I wanted to ensure that the City had the benefit of all available expertise.

5. At the time of the bid contest for the Cold Inspection facilities, Gilberto Garza, nephew of Eduardo Garza, was an administrative assistant with the Purchasing Office. Gilberto Garza's involvement in the bidding process was limited to clerical and ministerial tasks. When Gilberto Garza realized that his uncle (Eduardo Garza) had an ownership interest in Garros Services, Inc., one of the bidders, Gilberto took it upon himself to disclose this to the City, and Gilberto thereafter ceased to have any involvement whatsoever with the bidding process. At no point was Gilberto Garza in a position to influence the bid review or scoring. Instead, the committee discussed in the prior paragraph exclusively conducted the evaluation and scoring.

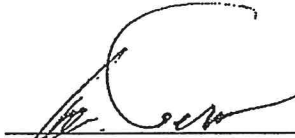
6. Regarding the execution of leases on tracts of airport property to businesses in which Eduardo Garza owned an interest, the leases were available—and in fact for comparable tracts remain available to persons interested in promoting commerce and employment at the City of Laredo airport. The subject leases require that the tenant pay fair market rent to the City.

7. On at least two occasions, Dr. Hector Farias has indicated to me over the telephone that Eduardo Garza is involved in the illicit importation and distribution of narcotics. After the most recent occasion that Farias made such remarks, I relayed this information to Eduardo Garza. I do not recall

the date that I advised Eduardo Garza of these statements but I know it was within one year.

8. On at least one occasion, Defendant Dr. Hector Farias has made a statement in reference to Eduardo Garza that I felt compelled to correct. Specifically, I explained that Plaintiff Eduardo Garza is a customs broker and one of his clients is the Department of Defense for Mexico. I said this to discourage Dr. Farias from mischaracterizing the role that Eduardo Garza plays in clearing customs in Mexico for the Mexican government."

Further affiant sayeth not.




Carlos Villarreal

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SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me by Carlos Villarreal on this the 21 day of December, 2012.





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