



November 4, 2014

Jim Oliver
Tarrant Regional Water District
800 E. North Side Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Oliver:

On behalf of the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce I am writing to show our strong support of the proposed modifications to the Trinity River Vision (TRV) – Central City Project as described in the Upper Trinity River, Central City, Fort Worth, Texas, Modified Project Report and Supplement No. 1 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, April 2008.

Fort Worth was named the fastest-growing metropolitan area in the U.S. by the Census Bureau in 2011, proven by an over 39% increase in population in just ten years. This has created a significant burden on our existing infrastructure. The Modified Central City project brings enhanced flood control to a historically economically disadvantaged, aging industrial area. Public improvements will not only address critical transportation and flood control needs but will also foster a walkable, high-density, mixed use neighborhood in our central city, a viable, sustainable alternative to suburban sprawl. Additionally, flood control improvements combined with ecosystem restoration and recreational amenities will revitalize Gateway Park, an underutilized park in our central city.

As this project progresses, the implementation of these improvements will also include local, Fort Worth based small and diverse businesses providing services which will contribute to capacity building for our corporate community and strengthen the economic viability of our region.

Thank you for your continued efforts on this project that addresses critical long term growth needs for our region. We fully support the proposed modifications to the Central City Project as described in the Modified Central City Project Plan.

Sincerely,

FORT WORTH METROPOLITAN BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Devoyd Jennings
President