

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR by mail to the **City of Mercedes** at **400 S Ohio Ave, Mercedes, TX 78570** or via email to **aperez@cityofmercedes.com**. All comments received by **September 09, 2025** will be considered

by the Hidalgo County Urban County Program prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Mercedes certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that **Alberto Perez**, in his capacity as **City Manager** consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Hidalgo County Urban County Program to use Program funds.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Mercedes certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) That the certification was not, in fact, executed by the certifying officer of the City of Mercedes; or (b) City of Mercedes has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR; or (c) The grant recipient or other participants in the development process has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted **via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Section 58.76 and shall be addressed to the HUD San Antonio Field Office at: CPDRROFSAN@hud.gov** . Potential objectors should contact the HUD office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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