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Nomination Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Elvia, founder of Texas Technical Trade, for her outstanding contributions to workforce development, education, and economic growth in the state of Texas. Over the past decade, Elvia has been a pivotal figure in advancing access to high-demand trades, particularly through her leadership at Texas Technical Trade, a school specializing in hands-on training for aspiring electrical technicians.

Under Elvia's leadership, Texas Technical Trade has become a vital resource for communities, offering rigorous, industry-relevant training led by master electricians and electrical engineers. Her deep experience in workforce development and higher education, combined with her innovative approach to technical training, has transformed the lives of countless students, many of whom come from underserved backgrounds with limited access to educational resources. Through her programs, students receive high-quality education at no cost, empowering them to build careers in a lucrative industry and achieve financial independence.

Elvia's passion for education extends beyond the classroom. She is committed to ensuring that her students not only succeed in their training but also secure meaningful employment after graduation. By forging strategic partnerships with employers, government agencies, and educational institutions, she has created robust career pathways that support her graduates as they transition into the workforce. Her efforts have helped fill the growing demand for skilled electrical technicians, benefiting both her students and the broader Texas economy.

Elvia's involvement with the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) highlights her dedication to promoting economic growth and competitiveness. As a member of this network of professionals and organizations, she has consistently advocated for the expansion of educational and workforce opportunities, particularly in communities that are often overlooked.

I have been consistently impressed by Elvia's ability to inspire her students and create lasting impact through her programs. Her commitment to empowering individuals, especially those from disadvantaged communities, and her leadership in developing educational solutions have made her a truly invaluable asset to the Texas economy.

Without hesitation, I highly recommend Elvia for any endeavor she pursues. She is a visionary leader, an exceptional educator, and a passionate advocate for workforce development. I am confident that she will continue to excel in her mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of her students and the community at large.

Sincerely,

*Victoria Lara*

Director of Economic Development

Harris County Precinct 2