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<b>RECEIPT DATE</b> August 28, 2012	<b>PRIORITY DATE</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b> A099 613 297 VORA, PRADIPKUMAR H.
<b>NOTICE DATE</b> August 9, 2013	<b>PAGE</b> 1 of 1	
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**DISCUSSION:** The employment-based immigrant visa petition was denied by the Chief, Immigrant Investor Program, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected at untimely filed.

## I. UNTIMELY FILING

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(6) states: “*Where to file.* All benefit requests must be filed in accordance with the form instructions.” To properly file an appeal, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) also states:

The affected party must submit an appeal on Form I-290B. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the affected party must pay the fee required by §103.7 of this part. The affected party must submit the complete appeal including any supporting brief as indicated in the applicable form instructions within 30 days after service of the decision.

Under the section titled, “Where to File,” the Form I-290B instructions state: “Do **not** send your appeal or motion directly to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO).” (Emphasis in original). The instructions subsequently provide the filing locations of various appeal types. At no point within the regulation does it contain an exception or a waiver for the designated location in which the filing party may submit the benefit request.

If the decision was mailed, the appeal must be filed within 33 days. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.8(b). The date of filing is not the date of submission, but the date of actual receipt with the required fee. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i).

The chief issued the decision on June 12, 2013. The chief properly gave notice to the petitioner that he had 33 days to file the appeal and listed the proper fee for an appeal.

The petitioner dated the appeal July 9, 2013. The AAO received the appeal on July 15, 2013. On July 16, 2013, the AAO returned the appeal as improperly filed with the wrong office. USCIS subsequently rejected a July 17, 2013 appeal on July 22, 2013, as it was not accompanied with the proper fee. USCIS received the appeal with fee on July 25, 2013, 43 days after the chief issued the decision. Accordingly, the petitioner untimely filed the appeal.

Neither the Act nor the pertinent regulations grant the AAO authority to extend the 33-day time limit for filing an appeal. The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states that, if an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states that, if an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case. The official having jurisdiction over a motion is the official who made the last decision in the proceeding, in this case the chief. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(ii).

## II. SUMMARY DISMISSAL

The chief concluded in the denial that the petitioner had not established: (1) that the new commercial enterprise was doing business in a targeted employment area, (2) that he had personally contributed \$1 million in equity to the new commercial enterprise, (3) that he had lawfully acquired \$1 million, and (4) that the new commercial enterprise employed or would employ at least 10 full-time qualifying employees. On appeal, the petitioner states that he has invested more than \$1 million in 13 properties and has 35 employees, but does not specifically address the reasons stated for the denial or identify any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact on the part of the chief. In addition, the new evidence consists of an email discussing opportunities to invest in a regional center, which is not the basis of the petition; appraisals dated in 2013 that do not address the level of the petitioner's personal equity investment as of the filing date in 2012 or even as of the date of appeal; and an article about his life in *The Cuero Record* that does not address the bases of the chief's decision. The petitioner has not explained how this evidence addresses the deficiencies the chief identified.

As stated in the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v), an appeal shall be summarily dismissed if the concerned party fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal. *Cf. Idy v. Holder*, No. 11-1078, 2012 WL 975567 (1st Cir. Mar. 23, 2012) (where an alien fails to raise any legal issue regarding the Board of Immigration Appeals denial of an inadmissibility waiver, the Court of Appeals is deprived of jurisdiction). *See also Desravines v. United States Attorney General*, No. 08-14861, 343 F. App'x 433, 435 (11th Cir. 2009) (finding that issues not briefed on appeal are deemed abandoned); *Tedder v. F.M.C. Corp.*, 590 F.2d 115, 117 (5th Cir. 1979) (deeming abandoned an issue raised in the statement of issues but not anywhere else in the brief). In this instance, the petitioner has not identified a basis for the appeal. The petitioner does not contest the chief's findings and offers no substantive basis for the filing of the appeal. As the petitioner failed to provide any specific statement or argument supporting the basis of his appeal, the appeal, if timely, would be summarily dismissed.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.



**U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services**

**TO:**

Pradipkumar Vora  
c/o: Wildflower Inn & RV Park  
2117 N. Esplanade St., #119  
Cuero, Texas 77954

**DATE:** JUN 12 2013

**Petition:** Form I-526

**File:** WAC-12-904-97983

**DECISION**

Your Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur, filed on behalf of Pradipkumar Vora has been denied for the following reason(s):

**See Attachment**

If you desire to appeal this decision, you may do so. Your notice of appeal must be filed with this office at the address at the top of this page within 30 days of the date of this notice. Your appeal must be filed on Form I-290B. A fee of \$630.00 is required, payable to U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services with a check or money order from a bank or other institution located in the United States. If no appeal is filed within the time allowed, this decision will be the final decision in this matter.

In support of your appeal, you may submit a brief or other written statement for consideration by the reviewing authority. You may, if necessary, request additional time to submit a brief. Any brief, written statement, or other evidence not filed with Form I-290B, or any request for additional time for the submission of a brief or other material must be sent directly to:

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The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act established the Office of the National Ombudsman (ONO) at the Small Business Administration. The ONO assists small businesses with issues related to federal regulations. If you are a small business with a comment or complaint about regulatory enforcement, you may contact the ONO at [www.ombudsman.sba.gov](http://www.ombudsman.sba.gov) or phone 202-205-2417 or fax 202-481-5719.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Renaud  
Acting Chief, Immigrant Investor Program  
Enclosure: Form I-290B

**Notice of Decision**

**Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur  
Exim General Trading Inc.**

**I. Procedural History**

Mr. Pradipkumar Vora (the "petitioner") filed an Immigrant Petition by Alien Entrepreneur ("Form I-526") pursuant to section 203(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA") on August 27, 2012.

INA § 203(b)(5)(A) provides classification to qualified immigrants seeking to enter the United States for the purpose of engaging in a new commercial enterprise (including a limited partnership)-

(i) in which such alien has invested (after the date of the enactment of the Immigration Act of 1990) or, is actively in the process of investing, capital in an amount not less than the amount specified in subparagraph (C); and,

(ii) which will benefit the United States economy and create full-time employment for not fewer than 10 United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence or other immigrants lawfully authorized to be employed in the United States (other than the immigrant and the immigrant's spouse, sons, or daughters).

The Legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service ("INS") published four precedent decisions that provide guidance and clarification of the current law. See *Matter of Soffici*, 22 I. & N. Dec. 158 (Assoc. Comm'r 1998); *Matter of Izummi*, 22 I. & N. Dec. 169 (Assoc. Comm'r 1998); *Matter of Hsiung*, 22 I. & N. Dec. 201 (Assoc. Comm'r 1998), and *Matter of Ho*, 22 I. & N. Dec. 206 (Assoc. Comm'r 1998).

Based upon a review of the initial record, the petitioner did not establish eligibility for the benefit sought. Accordingly, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") issued a Request for Evidence ("RFE") on February 19, 2013. In the RFE, USCIS notified the petitioner that the following issues required further clarification:

- Evidence that the petitioner had invested into a new commercial enterprise;
- Evidence that the required amount of capital had been invested or was actively in the process of being invested into a new commercial enterprise;
- Evidence that the capital utilized for investment into the new commercial enterprise was obtained through lawful means; and,
- Evidence that the new commercial enterprise will create at least ten (10) full-time employment positions for qualifying employees.

On May 16, 2013, the petitioner responded to the RFE with the submission of additional evidence. In this response, the petitioner provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate the presence of a new commercial enterprise; however, based on a review of the entire record of proceeding, USCIS has cannot conclude that the petitioner has established eligibility for the benefit sought. Therefore, the petition is denied for the reasons discussed below.

## **II. Commercial Enterprise Background**

The Form I-526, filed on August 27, 2012, initially identified an investment in a commercial enterprise for which the required amount of capital invested has been adjusted upward. The evidence presented asserted that the petitioner invested \$1,080,000 into Exim General Trading Inc. – the New Commercial Enterprise (NCE) – beginning with an initial investment of \$80,000 made on March 1, 2007. Based on page three (3) of this instant Form I-526, the NCE created thirteen (13) new jobs as of the August 27, 2012 filing date in a Motel/RV Park in Cuero, Texas which, according to the evidence provided, is doing business as The Wildflower Inn & RV Park.

## **III. Analysis**

### **1. Required Amount of Capital Investment**

As referenced above, in the February 19, 2013 RFE, USCIS requested for the petitioner to provide further evidence to demonstrate that the required amount of capital had been invested, or was actively in the process of being invested into the NCE. To establish eligibility, the petitioner was requested to present evidence that the required amount of capital had been placed at risk for the purpose of generating a return on the capital placed at risk. Evidence of a mere intent to invest, or of prospective investment arrangements which entail no present commitment, are not enough to satisfy the “at risk” requirement.

8 C.F.R. § 204.6(j)(2) states in pertinent part:

To show that the petitioner has invested or is actively in the process of investing the required amount of capital, the petition must be accompanied by evidence that the petitioner has placed the required amount of capital at risk for the purpose of generating a return on the capital placed at risk. Evidence of mere intent to invest, or of prospective investment arrangements entailing no present commitment, will not suffice to show that the petitioner is actively in the process of investing.

Upon initial filing, the existing record contained the following evidence to demonstrate that the required amount of capital had been placed at risk:

- Various bank account records listing either the NCE, Vora Corporation, or the petitioner as the account holder.

These records appeared to demonstrate normal business activity; however, such records did not establish that the deposits were indeed connected with the petitioner’s own investment into the NCE.

In response to the February 19, 2013 RFE, the petitioner has provided the following additional evidence relative to the required amount of capital being invested and placed at risk within the NCE:

- An updated letter of support signed by the petitioner;
- An undated letter from Cuero National Bank indicating that Vora Corporation holds an account with such bank and is in “good standing.” This letter does not reflect an account balance;
- A letter dated January 6, 2012 from Wells Fargo indicating that the petitioner holds account XXX2884 and that, on that particular date, the account balance was \$25,141.66; and,



- An undated letter from Trust Texas Bank indicating that Vora Corporation holds an account with such bank and is in “good standing.” This letter does not reflect an account balance.

The petitioner has indicated in the updated letter of support submitted in response to the RFE that this instant petition is based on an investment in a targeted employment area (“TEA”) and, as a consequence, \$500,000 has been invested – not \$1,080,000 as initially noted on page two of the Form I-526. However, the additional evidence provided does not demonstrate that: 1.) the geographic location of the NCE does indeed lie within the boundaries of a TEA; and, 2.) \$500,000 has been placed at risk within the NCE.

Seeing that the petitioner has not established that the geographic location of the NCE does indeed lie within the boundaries of a TEA, the requisite amount of capital investment into the NCE remains at \$1,000,000. The evidence submitted in both the initial filing and in response to the RFE does not demonstrate that the petitioner has invested (or is actively in the process of investing) \$1,000,000 into the NCE.

Consequently, the petitioner has not demonstrated that the required amount of capital has indeed been placed at risk as requisite under 8 C.F.R. § 204.6(j)(2).

## **2. Invested Capital Obtained Through Lawful Means**

The February 19, 2013 RFE also called upon the petitioner to provide further evidence to demonstrate that the capital utilized for investment into the NCE was obtained through lawful means.

8 C.F.R. § 204.6(j) states:

A petition submitted for classification as an alien entrepreneur must be accompanied by evidence that the alien has invested or is actively in the process of investing *lawfully obtained capital* in a new commercial enterprise in the United States which will create full-time positions for not fewer than 10 qualifying employees.

[Emphasis added]

Upon initial filing, the existing record contained the following evidence to demonstrate that the capital utilized for investment into the NCE was obtained through lawful means:

- Various bank account records listing either the NCE, Vora Corporation, or the petitioner as the account holder; and,
- The petitioner’s individual tax returns for the years 2007 to 2011.

This evidence, as presented, did not adequately demonstrate the nexus between the petitioner’s earned income and the actual investment into the NCE. In response to the February 19, 2013 RFE, the petitioner provided the following evidence (as referenced above):

- An updated letter of support signed by the petitioner;
- An undated letter from Cuero National Bank indicating that Vora Corporation holds an account with such bank and is in “good standing.” This letter does not reflect an account balance;

- No additional evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the required amount of capital – which in this case is \$1,000,000 as referenced above – has been lawfully obtained for investment into the NCE. The record, in sum, cannot be deemed compliant with 8 C.F.R. § 204.6(j).

To qualify for classification as an EB-5 alien entrepreneur, the petitioner must invest or actively be in the process of investing the required amount of capital in a NCE that will benefit the United States economy and create full-time employment for not fewer than 10 U.S. citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence or other immigrants lawfully authorized to be employed in the United States (other than the immigrant and the immigrant's spouse, sons, or daughters).

(i) **General.** To show that a new commercial enterprise will create not fewer than ten (10) full-time positions for qualifying employees, the petition must be accompanied by:

(B) A copy of a comprehensive business plan showing that, due to the nature and projected size of the new commercial enterprise, the need for not fewer than ten (10) qualifying employees will result, including approximate dates, within the next two years, and when such employees will be hired.

Qualifying employee means a United States citizen, a lawfully admitted permanent resident, or other immigrant lawfully authorized to be employed in the United States including, but not limited to, a conditional resident, a temporary resident, an asylee, a refugee, or an alien remaining in the United States under suspension of deportation. This definition does not include the alien entrepreneur, the alien entrepreneur's spouse, sons, or daughters, or any nonimmigrant alien.

Full-time employment means employment of a qualifying employee by the new commercial enterprise in a position that requires a minimum of 35 working hours per week.

Attachment to Form I-292

individuals on its payroll records, it did not demonstrate when the named employees were hired, what types of positions were held, and that the named employees were indeed employed in full-time employment positions.

In response to the February 19, 2013 RFE, the petitioner provided the following evidence:

- An updated letter of support signed by the petitioner;
- What appears to be a one (1) page payroll spreadsheet naming thirty (30) different payroll recipients; and,
- A 2011 Form 1120 for the NCE.

In the letter of support provided by the petitioner in response to the RFE, the petitioner indicates that he invested in a restaurant doing business as "Ruby Dinner." The payroll spreadsheet provided in response to the RFE names individuals being paid by "Carlisle Creek, LLC – Ruby's Diner." The petitioner has provided no evidence to demonstrate that these employees are indeed qualifying. Moreover, the petitioner has provided no evidence to show that the NCE named on the instant Form I-526 employs ten (10) qualifying, full-time employees.

In addition, according to the 2011 Form 1120 submitted for the NCE, line 13 shows \$0 paid in the form of salaries and wages to employees of the NCE, and the "other deductions" attachment included with this instant Form 1120 shows \$45,040.50 being deducted due to "Contract Labor." Consequently, it appears that workers are not employed by the NCE.

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 204.6(j)(4)(i)(B), if the employment-creation requirement has not been satisfied prior to filing the petition, the petitioner must submit a "comprehensive business plan" which demonstrates that "due to the nature and projected size of the new commercial enterprise, the need for not fewer than ten (10) qualifying employees will result, including approximate dates, within the next two years, and when such employees will be hired." To be considered "comprehensive," a business plan must be sufficiently detailed to permit USCIS to reasonably conclude that the enterprise has the potential to meet the job-creation requirements.

In *Matter of Ho*, the Administrative Appeals Office held that a "comprehensive business plan as contemplated by the regulations should contain, at a minimum, a description of the business, its products and/or services, and its objectives." Elaborating on the contents of an acceptable business plan, the decision states the following:

"The plan should contain a market analysis, including the names of competing businesses and their relative strengths and weaknesses, a comparison of the competition's products and pricing structures, and a description of the target market/prospective customers of the new commercial enterprise. The plan should list the required permits and licenses obtained. If applicable, it should describe the manufacturing or production process, the materials required, and the supply sources. The plan should detail any contracts executed for the supply of materials and/or the distribution of products. It should discuss the marketing strategy of the business, including pricing, advertising, and servicing. The plan should set forth the business's organizational structure and its personnel's experience. It should explain the business's staffing requirements and contain a timetable for hiring, as well as job descriptions for all positions. It should contain sales, cost, and income

projections and detail the bases therefor. Most importantly, the business plan must be credible." See *Matter of Ho* at page 9.

Upon filing initially and upon responding to the RFE, the petitioner has not provided any form of a *Matter of Ho* compliant business plan.

Consequently, the current record of evidence does not demonstrate that the NCE will create at least 10 full-time positions for full-time, qualifying employees as defined above.

#### **IV. Conclusion**


In summary, based upon the preponderance of evidence, USCIS cannot conclude that the Form I-526 complies with the requirements of the law. USCIS has determined, based on the initial evidence submitted upon filing and after consideration of all additional evidence submitted in response to the request for evidence, the petitioner is ineligible for classification under INA § 203(b)(5)(A).

In visa petition proceedings, the petitioner bears the burden of establishing eligibility for the benefits sought. See *Matter of Brantigan*, 11 I. & N. Dec. 493 (BIA 1966).

Therefore, the Form I-526 is denied for each of the three (3) reasons referenced in the analysis above, with each reason holding independent grounds for such denial.

If the petitioner disagrees with this decision, the petitioner may appeal the denial by following the instructions on the Form I-292. If no appeal is filed within the time allowed, this decision will be the final decision in this matter.

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<b>RECEIPT NUMBER</b> SRC1290288006	<b>RECEIVED DATE</b> May 10, 2012	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> August 04, 1954	<b>PAGE</b> 1 of 1
<b>APPLICANT/PETITIONER NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS</b>  PRADIPKUMAR H. VORA C/O FAN CHEN 11200 WESTHEIMER STE 120 HOUSTON, TX 77042  This is in reference to the I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, you submitted. Your I-485, fees, and any supporting documentation is being returned to you for the following reason(s):  Based on the information you provided, your priority date does not appear to be current. Please refer to the Visa Bulletin published monthly by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs to determine the availability of immigrant visa numbers in your immigration category. When your priority date is earlier than the correlating cut-off date listed in the current Visa Bulletin, you will then be eligible to submit your I-485 application.  You may access the State Department Visa Bulletin at the State Department's Website at <a href="http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin/bulletin_1360.html">http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin/bulletin_1360.html</a> .  Or you may call the Department of State Visa Office at (202) 663-1541 to learn which priority dates are currently being processed.  Please be sure to complete the application fully, submit the appropriate fees, and include all required supporting documentation.  If you have questions about possible immigration benefits and services, filing information, or USCIS forms, please call the USCIS National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at 1-800-375-5283. If you are hearing impaired, please call the NCSC TDD at 1-800-767-1833. Please also refer to the USCIS website: <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> .  If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice or the status of your case, please contact our customer service number.  You will be notified separately about any other case you may have filed.			
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
P O Box 660867  
Dallas, Texas 75266

May 30, 2012

**PRADIPKUMAR VORA**

Dear Sir/Madam:

We are sorry we have to return your Form I-485 Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status to you.

We are unable to determine the basis for filing the I-485. We looked at our records and could not find a petition for you. **An I-485 application *must be filed with a copy of the I-797 Receipt or Approval* notice for the underlying petition (i.e. I-140, I-360, I-526, I-130).** Please provide evidence of your eligibility to file the I-485.

**We acknowledge that you have a basis under 245i, however, if received as an “Insist to File” without an approved I-140, the I-485s could potentially be denied.**

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Thank you,  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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4	OP	2	N	0	0	0		PORCH	200	3.20	0.60	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	380
5	STG1	2	N	0	0	0		STORAGE	40	9.94	0.60	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	240
6	FVO		N	0	0	0		STORAGE (20 X 22)	0	900.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	900
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ACRES: 1.765

OWNERS ACRES: 1.765

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

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IMP HS:

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TOTAL MKT:

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ABST NUM:

MH SERIAL: OC02862494

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

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IMP NEW HS:

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TOTAL TAXABLE:

26,940

ABST/SUBDIV:

MH LABEL: TEX0356591

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

0

IMP NHS:

18,110

OWNER INT:

1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

MH NAME: OAKCREEK/OAKCRE

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

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IMP NEW NHS:

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OWNER VALUE:

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BLOCK:

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CAPACITY:

TOTAL LAND MKT:

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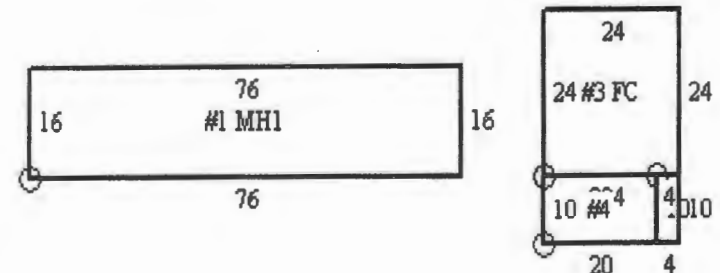
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6	NGUYEN TRUC	08/31/2007	234	292
5	CONCORD BANK NA	04/11/2003	126	745
4	CUERO HOSPITALITY INC	04/01/2003	126	393
3	LANGHOFF FREDDIE R & BARBARA	11/01/1999	64	411





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**OWNER VALUE:**

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ACCT: 16850-00549-09010-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 45551/R

OWNER/SEQ: 89068/1

OWNER INT: 1.000000

HS CODE:

DISABLED VET:

CEILING YEAR:

CEILING TAX:

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 26 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 11 64 65 66 69

LEGAL 1: HOUSE ONLY

LEGAL 2: (47 PT 549 JAVY GONZALES)

LEGAL 3:

LEGAL 4: \*98 FLOOD\*

PROP ADDR: 1004 S ESPLANADE

CUERO TX 77954

CAT CODE: A4

NEIGHBOR:

RD TYPE:

UTIL TYPE:

ECONOMIC: 0

ZONING:

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

MTG:

AGENT:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

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## OWNER

EXIM GENERAL TRADING INC  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

## IMPROVEMENTS

BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR.BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
1	RES	RS1	N	0	0	0		STEEL HOUSE	576	37.40	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	17,230

ACRES: 0.000

OWNERS ACRES: 0.000

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

0

IMP HS:

0

TOTAL MKT:

17,230

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

0

IMP NEW HS:

0

TOTAL TAXABLE:

17,230

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

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IMP NHS:

17,230

OWNER INT:

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TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

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IMP NEW NHS:

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OWNER VALUE:

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BLOCK:

CAPACITY:

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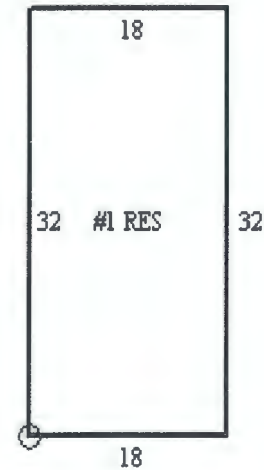
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## CAD VALUES

SEQ	COMMENTARY	VALUE	UNIT	NOTES

## PREVIOUS OWNER

SEQ	PREVIOUS OWNER	DEED DATE	VOLUME	PAGE
7	DUFFY PAUL	12/21/2012	457	190



ACCT: 44700-00000-01230-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 18586/R

OWNER/SEQ: 84871/1

OWNER INT: 1.000000

HS CODE:

EXIM GENERAL TRADING INC  
WILDFLOWER INN & RV PARK  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954-4782

DISABLED VET:

CEILING YEAR:

CEILING TAX:

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 30

JUR CODE: 00

01

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LEGAL 1: 45 J J TUMLINSON

LEGAL 2: WILDFLOWER INN &amp; RV PARK

LEGAL 3:

LEGAL 4:

PROP ADDR: 2117 N ESPLANADE

CUERO TX 77954

CAT CODE: F1

NEIGHBOR:

RD TYPE:

UTIL TYPE:

ECONOMIC: 0

ZONING:

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

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AGENT:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

LAST APPR DATE:

LAST APPR NAME:

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SEQ	ACRES	SQ.FT.	FRONT	REAR	FF AVG	DEPTH	DEP %	CLASS	COST	%GD	%RD	EXTRA	MKT VAL	PROD CLASS/CD	PROD COST	TYPE	%G	PROD EXTRA	PROD VAL
1	1.431	62,350	215	215	215	290.00	1.29	FF070	70.00	1.00	1.00	0	19,420	/	0.00		1.00	0	0
2	1.570	0	0	0	0	0.00	1.00	R4000	4,000.00	1.00	1.00	0	6,280	/	0.00		1.00	0	0

BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
1	HM1	1	N	0	0	0		HOTEL/MOTEL	2,592	63.88	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	115,900
2	FC	1	N	0	0	0		PORCH	568	14.10	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	5,610
3	HM1	1	N	0	0	0		SECOND STORY	2,592	63.88	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	115,900
4	FC	1	N	0	0	0		PORCH	568	14.10	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	5,610
5	FC	1	N	0	0	0		CANOPY	696	14.10	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	6,870
6	HM1	1	N	0	0	0		HOTEL/MOTEL	1,248	63.88	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	55,810
7	HM1	1	N	0	0	0		HOTEL/MOTEL	944	63.88	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	42,210

ACRES: 3.001

OWNERS ACRES: 3.001

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

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IMP HS:

0

TOTAL MKT:

695,920

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

25,700

IMP NEW HS:

0

TOTAL TAXABLE:

695,920

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

0

IMP NHS:

670,220

OWNER INT:

1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

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BLOCK:

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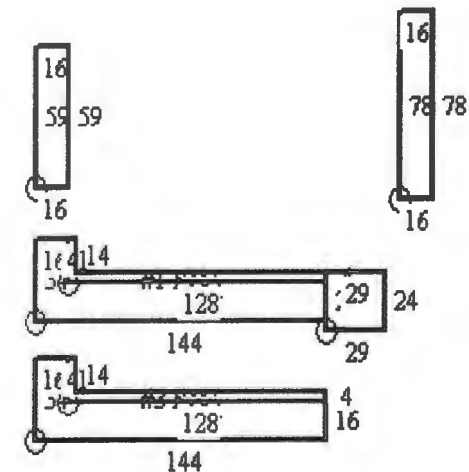
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5	CONCORD BANK NA	04/11/2003	126
4	CUERO HOSPITALITY INC	04/01/2003	126
3	LANGHOFF FREDDIE & BARBARA	11/01/1999	64



ACCT: 44700-00000-01230-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 18586/R

OWNER/SEQ: 84871/1

OWNER INT: 1.000000

HS CODE:

EXIM GENERAL TRADING INC  
WILDFLOWER INN & RV PARK  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954-4782

DISABLED VET:

CEILING YEAR:

CEILING TAX:

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 30 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 11 62 65 66 69

LEGAL 1: 45 J J TUMLINSON

LEGAL 2: WILDFLOWER INN &amp; RV PARK

LEGAL 3:

LEGAL 4:

PROP ADDR: 2117 N ESPLANADE

CUERO TX 77954

CAT CODE: F1

NEIGHBOR:

RD TYPE:

UTIL TYPE:

ECONOMIC: 0

ZONING:

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

MTG:

AGENT:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

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CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR.BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT.AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
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9	HM1	1	N	0	0	0		HOTEL/MOTEL	1,728	63.88	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	77,270
10	FC	1	N	0	0	0		STORAGE	200	5.00	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	700
11	FVO		N	0	0	0		POOL	570	10,000.00	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	10,000
12	HM1	1	N	0	0	0		HOTEL/MOTEL	1,120	63.88	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	50,080
13	HM1	1	N	0	0	0		HOTEL/MOTEL	1,120	63.88	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	50,080
14	ASP	1	N	0	0	0		ASPHALT PAVING	8,000	0.66	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	3,700

ACRES: 3.001

OWNERS ACRES: 3.001

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

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IMP HS:

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ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

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IMP NHS:

670,220

OWNER INT:

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TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

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OWNER VALUE:

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BLOCK:

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SEQ	PREVIOUS OWNER	DEED DATE	VOLUME	PAGE
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1238	CONCORD BANK NA	04/11/2003	126	745
0717	CUERO HOSPITALITY INC	04/01/2003	126	393
	LANGHOFF FREDDIE & BARBARA	11/01/1999	64	411





ACCT: 16850-00549-00010-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 7464/R

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 26

JUR CODE: 00

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CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

OWNER/SEQ: 89068/1

LEGAL 1: 47 PT 549 JAVY GONZALES

CAT CODE: F1

MTG:

OWNER INT: 1.000000

LEGAL 2: MAYA

NEIGHBOR: 025

AGENT:

HS CODE:

LEGAL 3:

RD TYPE:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

EXIM GENERAL TRADING INC  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

DISABLED VET:

LEGAL 4: \*98 FLOOD\*

UTIL TYPE:

LAST APPR DATE:

CEILING YEAR:

PROP ADDR: 1000 S ESPLANADE

ECONOMIC: 0

LAST APPR NAME:

CEILING TAX:

CUERO TX 77954

ZONING:

MAP: /

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

GPS:

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BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
1	RT2	1	N	0	0	0		OLD RESTURANT	3,279	33.00	0.70	1.00	1.30	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	98,470
2	FC	1	N	0	0	0		PORCH	120	7.50	0.70	1.00	1.30	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	820
3	WD	1	N	0	0	0		WOOD DECK	1,023	1.37	0.70	1.00	1.30	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	1,280
4	ASP	1	N	0	0	0		ASPHALT	7,000	0.66	0.40	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	1,850
5	FC	1	N	0	0	0		SHED	576	4.00	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	1,610
6	FVO	BARN	N	0	0	0		BARN	600	250.00	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	250
7	OP	2	N	0	0	0		(2) PORCHES	400	6.60	0.70	1.00	1.30	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	2,400

ACRES: 1.960

OWNERS ACRES: 1.960

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

11,760

IMP HS:

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TOTAL MKT:

124,780

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

0

IMP NEW HS:

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TOTAL TAXABLE:

124,780

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

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IMP NHS:

106,680

OWNER INT:

1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

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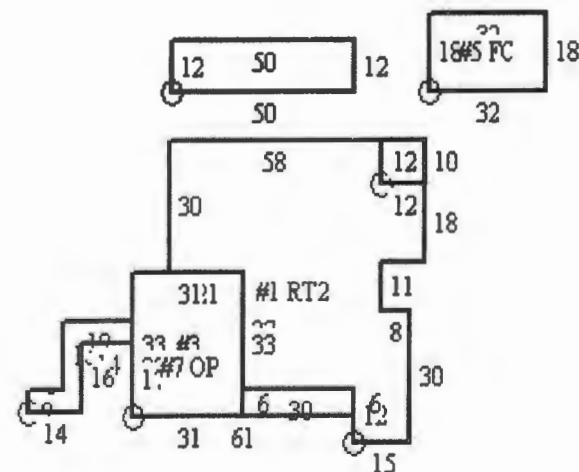
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6	DUFFY PAUL	12/21/2012	457	190
	WHEELER LOIS	01/30/2004	139	593
	MAXFIELD TERRY E	04/24/2001	93	1
3	BERNHARD MARC	09/16/1999	62	337

ACCT: 16850-00549-00010-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 7464/R

OWNER/SEQ: 89068/1

OWNER INT: 1.000000

HS CODE:

EXIM GENERAL TRADING INC  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

DISABLED VET:

CEILING YEAR:

CEILING TAX:

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 26 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 11 64 65 66 69

LEGAL 1: 47 PT 549 JAVY GONZALES

LEGAL 2: MAYA

LEGAL 3:

LEGAL 4: \*98 FLOOD\*

PROP ADDR: 1000 S ESPLANADE

CUERO TX 77954

CAT CODE: F1

NEIGHBOR: 025

RD TYPE:

UTIL TYPE:

ECONOMIC: 0

ZONING:

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

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AGENT:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

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CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR.BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
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ACRES: 1.960

OWNERS ACRES: 1.960

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

11,760

IMP HS:

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TOTAL MKT:

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ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

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TOTAL TAXABLE:

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ABST/SUBDV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

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IMP NHS:

106,680

OWNER INT:

1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

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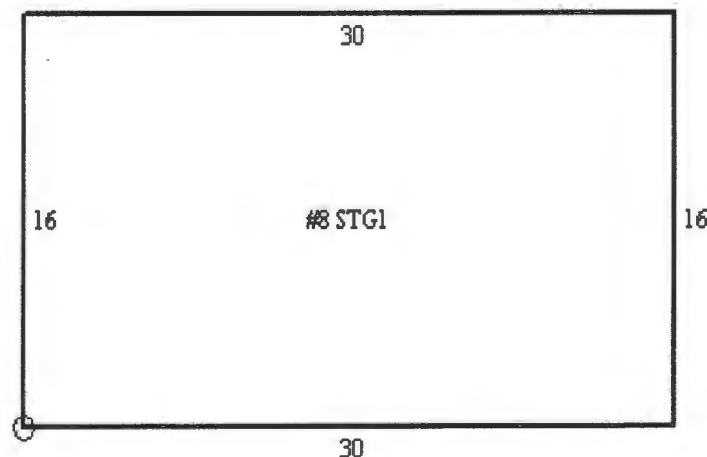
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	WHEELER LOIS	01/30/2004	139	593
	MAXFIELD TERRY E	04/24/2001	93	1
	BERNHARD MARC	09/16/1999	62	337



ACCT: 09700-00097-00010-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 4407/R

OWNER/SEQ: 88367/1

OWNER INT: 1.000000

HS CODE:

DISABLED VET:

CEILING YEAR:

CEILING TAX:

VORA PRADIP  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 26 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 11 64 65 86 69

LEGAL 1: 1.PT 2 97 CUERO

LEGAL 2:

LEGAL 3:

LEGAL 4:

PROP ADDR: 401 E MAIN C

CUERO TX 77954

CAT CODE: B1

NEIGHBOR:

RD TYPE:

UTIL TYPE:

ECONOMIC: 0

ZONING:

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

MTG:

AGENT:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

LAST APPR DATE:

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SEQ	ACRES	SQ.FT.	FRONT	REAR	FF.AVG	DEPTH	DEP %	CLASS	COST	%GD	%RD	EXTRA	MKT VAL	PROD CLASS/CD	PROD COST	TYPE	%G	PROD EXTRA	PROD VAL
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BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
1	FC	1	N	0	0	0		APARTMENT	1,650	14.30	0.60	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	14,160
2	FC	1	N	0	0	0		STORAGE	1,650	12.90	0.62	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	13,200
3	FC	1	N	0	0	0		PORCH	55	2.90	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	130
4	FC	1	N	0	0	0		GARAGE	600	3.00	0.77	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	1,390
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ACRES: 0.199

OWNERS ACRES: 0.199

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

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IMP HS:

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TOTAL MKT:

33,200

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

4,250

IMP NEW HS:

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TOTAL TAXABLE:

33,200

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

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IMP NHS:

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OWNER INT:

1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

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IMP NEW NHS:

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OWNER VALUE:

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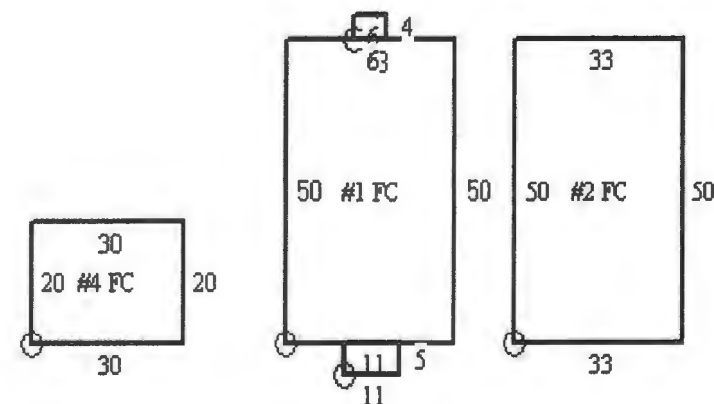
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5	S S & W ENTERPRISES	09/29/2005	175	920
	HOMEcomings FINANCIAL NETWORK	02/28/2002	108	502
	JUAREZ JOHNNY M	11/13/2001	102	114





ACCT: 09700-00097-00020-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 4408/R

OWNER/SEQ: 88367/1

OWNER INT: 1.000000

HS CODE:

VORA PRADIP  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

DISABLED VET:

CEILING YEAR:

CEILING TAX:

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 26 JUR CODE: 00

LEGAL 1: PT 2.3 97 CUERO

LEGAL 2:

LEGAL 3:

LEGAL 4:

PROP ADDR: 403 E MAIN C

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CAT CODE: B1

NEIGHBOR:

RD TYPE:

UTIL TYPE:

ECONOMIC: 0

ZONING:

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

MTG:

AGENT:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

LAST APPR DATE:

LAST APPR NAME:

MAP: /

GPS:

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1	0.231	10,071	67	67	67	150.00	1.05	FF070	70.00	1.00	1.00	0	4,940	/	0.00		1.00	0	0

BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
1	FC	1	N	0	0	0		APARTMENT	1,650	14.30	0.60	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	14,160
2	FC	1	N	0	0	0		ST2	1,650	12.90	0.62	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	13,200
3	FC	1	N	0	0	0		OPP	55	2.90	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	130
4	FC	1	N	0	0	0		GRP	920	3.00	0.77	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	2,130
5	FC	1	N	0	0	0		OPP	24	2.90	0.94	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	70

ACRES: 0.231

OWNERS ACRES: 0.231

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

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IMP HS:

0

TOTAL MKT:

34,630

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

4,940

IMP NEW HS:

0

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

0

IMP NHS:

29,690

TOTAL TAXABLE:

34,630

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

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IMP NEW NHS:

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OWNER INT:

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BLOCK:

CAPACITY:

TOTAL LAND MKT:

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IMP TOTAL:

29,690

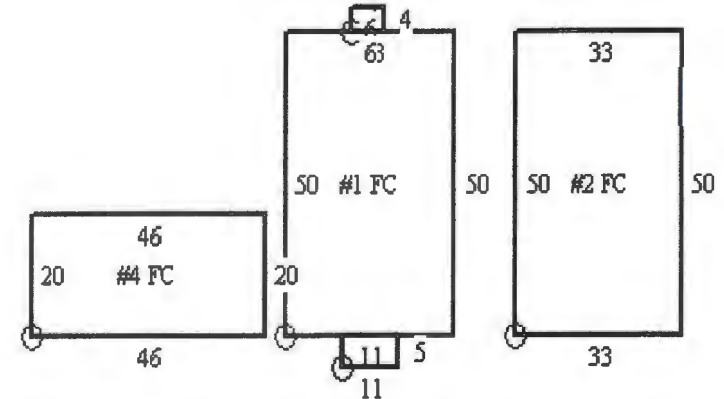
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6	VELA ROBERT L	12/16/2011	397	752
5	SS & W ENTERPRISES LLC	09/29/2005	175	920
4	MOORE BILLY E & FRANCES	04/04/2001	92	144
3	JUDD WILSON C	02/08/2001	89	507





ACCT: 44700-00000-03720-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 45988/R

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 30

JUR CODE: 00

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CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

OWNER/SEQ: 87013/1

LEGAL 1: 45 JJ TUMLINSON

CAT CODE: F1

MTG:

OWNER INT: 1.000000

LEGAL 2:

NEIGHBOR:

AGENT:

HS CODE:

LEGAL 3: WILDFLOWER INN RV PARK

RD TYPE:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

DISABLED VET:

LEGAL 4:

UTIL TYPE:

LAST APPR DATE:

CEILING YEAR:

PROP ADDR:

ECONOMIC: 0

LAST APPR NAME:

CEILING TAX:

ZONING:

MAP: /

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

GPS:

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## OWNER

VORA PRADIPKUMAR H & KOKILA  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

SEQ	ACRES	SQ FT	FRONT	REAR	FF AVG	DEPTH	DEP %	CLASS	COST	%GD	%RD	EXTRA	MKT VAL	PROD CLASS/CD	PROD COST	TYPE	%G	PROD EXTRA	PROD VAL
1	5.183	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	R5000	5,000.00	1.00	1.00	0	25,920	/	0.00		1.00	0	0

IMPROVEMENTS		BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
1	RVPARK	TPK2	N	2011	0	2				(30) RV SPACES	30	1,500.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	45,000

ACRES: 5.183

OWNERS ACRES: 5.183

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

0

IMP HS:

0

TOTAL MKT:

70,920

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

25,920

IMP NEW HS:

0

TOTAL TAXABLE:

70,920

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

0

IMP NHS:

45,000

OWNER INT:

1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

0

IMP NEW NHS:

0

OWNER VALUE:

70,920

BLOCK:

CAPACITY:

TOTAL LAND MKT:

25,920

IMP TOTAL:

45,000

CAD VALUES

COMMENTARY				NOTES
SEQ	COMMENTARY	VALUE	UNIT	
				COR AC: 6.985 AC TRACT INCLUDES ACCT #9750-2-10 & 9750-3-10 & 9750-15-10 PER DEED SPL FR #1400

PREVIOUS OWNER				
SEQ	PREVIOUS OWNER	DEED DATE	VOLUME	PAGE
3	ELDER PATRICK B & MARY	05/07/2010	311	223

ACCT: 39260-00000-00130-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 16582/R

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 91 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 64

CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

66 69

OWNER/SEQ: 88830/1

LEGAL 1: TR 13 SANDY FORK SUB UNIT 1

CAT CODE: D2

MTG:

OWNER INT: 1.000000

LEGAL 2:

NEIGHBOR:

AGENT:

HS CODE:

LEGAL 3:

RD TYPE:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

DISABLED VET:

LEGAL 4:

UTIL TYPE:

LAST APPR DATE:

CEILING YEAR:

PROP ADDR: 2506 LIVE OAK RD

ECONOMIC: 0

LAST APPR NAME:

CEILING TAX:

CUERO TX 77954

ZONING:

MAP: /

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

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## OWNER

VORA PRADIPKUMAR H & KOKILABEN  
2506 LIVE OAK ROAD  
CUERO TX 77954

## LAND

SEQ	ACRES	SQ.FT.	FRONT	REAR	FF.AVG	DEPTH	DEP %	CLASS	COST	%GD	%RD	EXTRA	MKT VAL	PROD CLASS/CD	PROD COST	TYPE	%G	PROD EXTRA	PROD VAL
1	3.000	0	0	0	0	0.00	1.00	R5000	5,000.00	1.00	1.00	0	15,000	/	0.00		1.00	0	0

ACRES: 3.000

OWNERS ACRES: 3.000

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS: 0

IMP HS: 0

TOTAL MKT: 15,000

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS: 15,000

IMP NEW HS: 0

TOTAL TAXABLE: 15,000

ABST/SUBDV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT: 0

IMP NHS: 0

OWNER INT: 1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM): 0

IMP NEW NHS: 0

OWNER VALUE: 15,000

BLOCK:

CAPACITY:

TOTAL LAND MKT: 15,000

IMP TOTAL: 0

CAD VALUES

## COMMENTARY

SEQ	COMMENTARY	VALUE	UNIT
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## NOTES

## PREVIOUS OWNER

SEQ	PREVIOUS OWNER	DEED DATE	VOLUME	PAGE
	MCAHAN JEFF & DENISE	09/26/2012	446	220
	REEVES JAMES S & LETA	03/24/1995	374	517
		06/01/1991	351	638
			0	0



ACCT: 39260-00000-00131-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 16583/R

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 91 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 64

CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

66 69

OWNER/SEQ: 88830/1

LEGAL 1: TR 13 SANDY FORK SUB UNIT 1

CAT CODE: E1

MTG:

OWNER INT: 1.000000

LEGAL 2:

NEIGHBOR:

AGENT:

HS CODE: H Homestead

LEGAL 3:

RD TYPE:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

DISABLED VET:

LEGAL 4:

UTIL TYPE:

LAST APPR DATE:

CEILING YEAR:

PROP ADDR: 2506 LIVE OAK RD

ECONOMIC: 0

LAST APPR NAME:

CEILING TAX:

CUERO TX 77954

ZONING:

MAP: /

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

GPS:

VORA PRADIPKUMAR H & KOKILABEN  
2506 LIVE OAK ROAD  
CUERO TX 77954

## IMPROVEMENTS

BLDG	TYPE	CLASS	HS	YR BLT	EFF YR	AGE	COND	NOTES	TOT AREA	COST	%GD	%FC	%EC	%CP	%EX1	%EX2	EXTRA	TOTAL VALUE
8	FVO	POOL	Y	0	0	0		POOL	0	15,000.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0	15,000

ACRES: 2.000

OWNERS ACRES: 2.000

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

10,000

IMP HS:

214,840

TOTAL MKT:

224,840

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

0

IMP NEW HS:

0

HS CAP VALUE:

224,840

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

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IMP NHS:

0

TOTAL TAXABLE:

224,840

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

0

IMP NEW NHS:

0

OWNER INT:

1.000000

BLOCK:

CAPACITY:

TOTAL LAND MKT:

10,000

IMP TOTAL:

214,840

OWNER VALUE:

224,840

CAD VALUES

## COMMENTARY

SEQ	COMMENTARY	VALUE	UNIT	NOTES

## PREVIOUS OWNER

SEQ	PREVIOUS OWNER	DEED DATE	VOLUME	PAGE
	MCMAHAN JEFF & DENISE	09/26/2012	446	220
	REEVES JAMES S & LETA	03/24/1995	374	517
		06/01/1991	351	638
			0	0

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CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

ACCT: 09750-00002-00010-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 4555/R

LOC CODE: 30 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 11 62 65 66 69

OWNER/SEQ: 87522/1

LEGAL 1: ALL BLK 2 CUERO HEIGHTS

CAT CODE: C1

MTG:

OWNER INT: 1.000000

LEGAL 2:

NEIGHBOR:

AGENT:

HS CODE:

LEGAL 3:

RD TYPE:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

DISABLED VET:

LEGAL 4:

UTIL TYPE:

LAST APPR DATE:

CEILING YEAR:

PROP ADDR: NORTH

ECONOMIC: 0

LAST APPR NAME:

CEILING TAX:

CUERO TX 77954

ZONING:

MAP: /

ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

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## OWNER

VORA PRADIPKUMAR H & KOKILA  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

## LAND

SEQ	ACRES	SQ.FT.	FRONT	REAR	FF AVG	DEPTH	DEP %	CLASS	COST	%GD	%RD	EXTRA	MKT VAL	PROD CLASS/CD	PROD COST	TYPE	%G	PROD EXTRA	PROD VAL
2	0.758	33,000	300	300	300	110.00	0.93	FF015	15.00	1.00	1.00	0	4,190	/	0.00		1.00	0	0

ACRES: 0.758

OWNERS ACRES: 0.758

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

0

IMP HS:

0

TOTAL MKT:

4,190

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

4,190

IMP NEW HS:

0

TOTAL TAXABLE:

4,190

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

0

IMP NHS:

0

OWNER INT:

1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

0

IMP NEW NHS:

0

OWNER VALUE:

4,190

BLOCK:

CAPACITY:

TOTAL LAND MKT:

4,190

IMP TOTAL:

0

CAD VALUES

## COMMENTARY

SEQ	COMMENTARY	VALUE	UNIT
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## NOTES

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## PREVIOUS OWNER

SEQ	PREVIOUS OWNER	DEED DATE	VOLUME	PAGE
4	ELDER PATRICK B & MARY	05/07/2010	311	223
7	HRANICKY BOBBY ETAL TRUSTEES	06/27/2005	169	663
6	MOORE GLEN JR	07/08/2002	114	544
5	LAGING CARWIN & DIANNA	09/05/2000	82	165



ACCT: 09750-00015-00010-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 4604/R

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 30 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 11 62 65 66 69

CURRENT APPRAISAL YEAR: 2013

OWNER/SEQ: 87522/1

LEGAL 1: 4-5 &amp;20-21 BLK 15 CUERO HGTS

CAT CODE: C1

MTG:

OWNER INT: 1.000000

LEGAL 2: &amp; PT OF CLOSED ALLEY

NEIGHBOR:

AGENT:

HS CODE:

LEGAL 3:

RD TYPE:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

DISABLED VET:

LEGAL 4:

UTIL TYPE:

LAST APPR DATE:

CEILING YEAR:

PROP ADDR:

ECONOMIC: 0

LAST APPR NAME:

CEILING TAX:

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ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

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**OWNER**  
VORA PRADIPKUMAR H & KOKILA  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

SEQ	ACRES	SQ FT.	FRONT	REAR	FF AVG	DEPTH	DEP %	CLASS	COST	%GD	%RD	EXTRA	MKT VAL	PROD CLASS/CD	PROD COST	TYPE	%G	PROD EXTRA	PROD VAL
1	0.344	15,000	50	50	50	300.00	1.30	FF030	30.00	1.00	1.00	0	1,950	/	0.00		1.00	0	0
2	0.258	11,250	75	75	75	150.00	1.05	FF030	30.00	1.00	1.00	0	2,360	/	0.00		1.00	0	0

ACRES: 0.602

OWNERS ACRES: 0.602

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS:

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IMP HS:

0

TOTAL MKT:

4,310

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS:

4,310

IMP NEW HS:

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TOTAL TAXABLE:

4,310

ABST/SUBDV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT:

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IMP NHS:

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OWNER INT:

1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

IRR ACRES:

PROD (AG/TIM):

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IMP NEW NHS:

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OWNER VALUE:

4,310

BLOCK:

CAPACITY:

TOTAL LAND MKT:

4,310

IMP TOTAL:

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1	ELDER PATRICK B & MARY	05/07/2010	311	223
2	HRANICKY BOBBY ETAL TRUSTEES	06/27/2005	169	663
3	MOORE GLEN JR	07/08/2002	114	544
4	LAGING CARWIN & DIANNA	09/05/2000	82	165

ACCT: 09750-00003-00010-000000

PARCEL/TYPE: 41839/R

## DeWitt County Appraisal Dist

LOC CODE: 30 JUR CODE: 00 01 34 11 62 65 66 69

OWNER/SEQ: 87522/1

LEGAL 1: 1-3 &amp; 1/2 4 3 CUERO HEIGHTS

CAT CODE: C1

MTG:

OWNER INT: 1.000000

LEGAL 2:

NEIGHBOR:

AGENT:

HS CODE:

LEGAL 3:

RD TYPE:

LAST APPR YEAR: 2012

VORA PRADIPKUMAR H & KOKILA  
2117 N ESPLANADE  
CUERO TX 77954

DISABLED VET:

LEGAL 4:

UTIL TYPE:

LAST APPR DATE:

CEILING YEAR:

PROP ADDR:

ECONOMIC: 0

LAST APPR NAME:

CEILING TAX:

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ROUTE CODE/ORDER: 0/0

GPS:

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1	0.442	19,250	175	175	175	110.00	1.00	FF	13.95	1.00	1.00	0	2,440	/	0.00		1.00	0	0

ACRES: 0.442

OWNERS ACRES: 0.442

LARGER TRACT: 0.000000

LAND HS: 0

IMP HS: 0

TOTAL MKT: 2,440

ABST NUM:

SIC CODE:

LAND NHS: 2,440

IMP NEW HS: 0

TOTAL TAXABLE: 2,440

ABST/SUBDIV:

IRR WELLS:

PROD MKT: 0

IMP NHS: 0

OWNER INT: 1.000000

TRACT/LOT:

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PROD (AG/TIM): 0

IMP NEW NHS: 0

OWNER VALUE: 2,440

BLOCK:

CAPACITY:

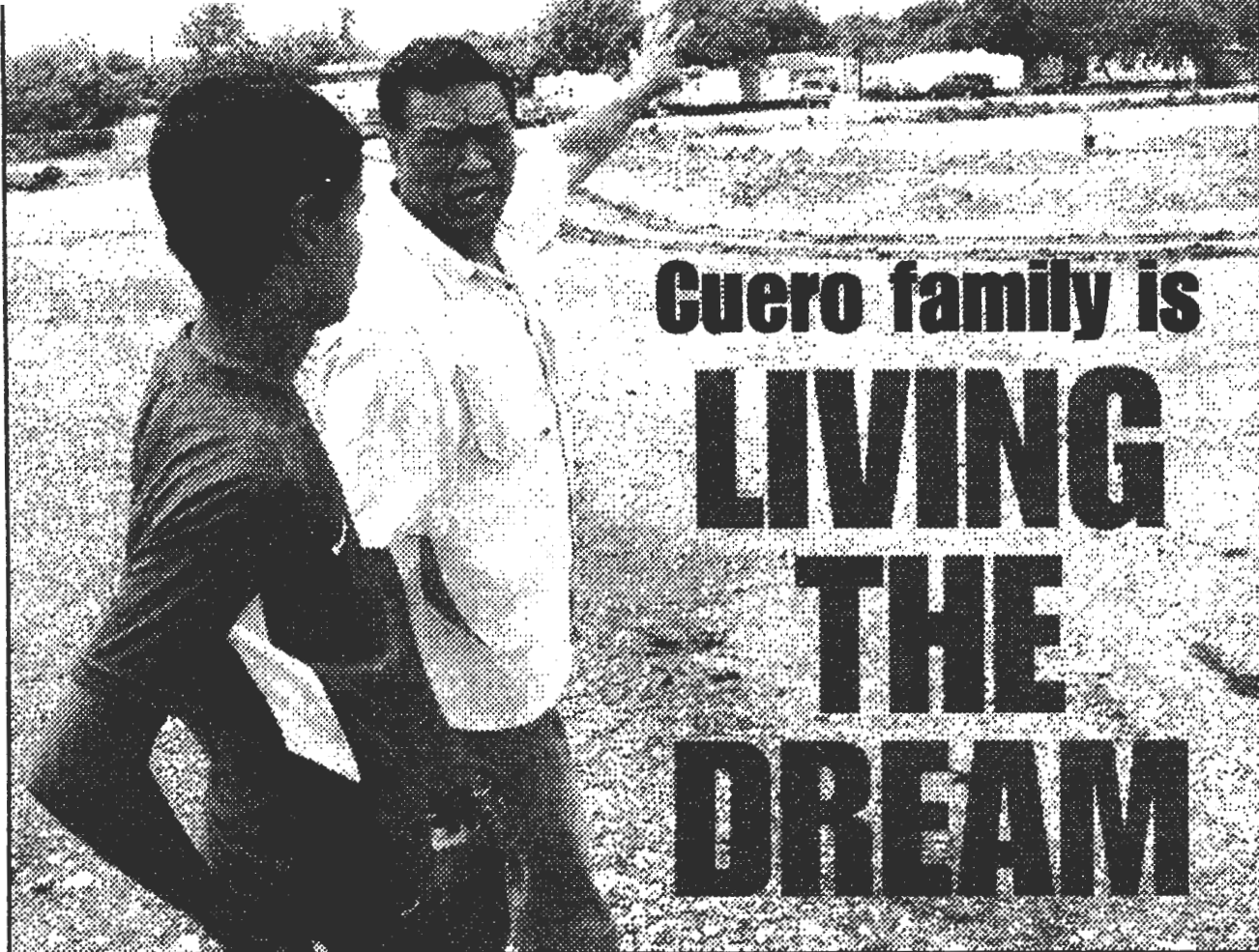
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IMP TOTAL: 0

CAD VALUES

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PREVIOUS OWNER				
SEQ	PREVIOUS OWNER	DEED DATE	VOLUME	PAGE
	ELDER PATRICK B & MARY	05/07/2010	311	223
	HRANICKY BOBBY ETAL TRUSTEES	06/27/2005	169	663
2	MOORE GLEN JR	07/08/2002	114	544
1	LAGING CARWIN	09/05/2000	82	165



# Cuero family is **LIVING THE DREAM**

Photo by Coy Slavik/Cuero Record

Pradipkumar Vora explains to his 14-year-old son, Viren, the construction that is taking place on his property behind the Wildflower Inn in Cuero. In just four years, Vora has gone from being virtually penniless to becoming one of the most successful businessmen in Cuero.

## One very important detail still missing from Vora's rags-to-riches success story

**By COY SLAVIK**  
Record Managing Editor

The only chapter missing from Pradipkumar Vora's "American Dream" is the one with the happy ending.

In just four years, Vora has gone from providing room service to pay for his rent at the Wildflower Inn to owning the same Cuero motel.

Vora is now capitalizing on the oil and gas boom by constructing an RV park behind the Wildflower Inn and has plans to build a Taco Bell restaurant nearby on Esplanade.

But despite being one of the most successful businessmen in Cuero, Vora, along with his

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"In America, even a dumb man, if he will work hard and honestly, can become a millionaire in five years."

Pradip Vora,  
owner of Wildflower Inn

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wife, Kokila, are far from content.

### Overcoming tragedy

Vora was raised in Mumbai, India, where he honed his business skills. He owned a garment manufacturing business with 185 employees working for him.

"I was successful and doing wonderful financially," said Vora, who lived with his wife,

two daughters, parents and a grandmother. "I owned two houses in Mumbai and lived with my family. I had a very busy life, but was very happy with my family."

But on Nov. 20, 1992, Vora's life changed forever. He came home from work to find his wife and grandmother bound by masking tape with rags

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## DREAM: Cuero family struggling to gain citizenship, get daughter to United States

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soaked in chloroform stuffed in their mouths.

"We found out that all this was done by carpenters who did the furniture in our house," Vora said. "Seven boys had come to rob the house for money."

Vora's wife and grandmother both died after lapsing into comas from inhaling excessive chloroform.

"I was very disheartened and emotionally broke," Vora said.

"Because of my state of mind, I could not run my business. It took me three years to close my business. I did not want to fire my employees, so I took them to a friend who owned a business and requested him to hire them."

### Thriving business

Vora has a copy of the "Pledge Of Allegiance" taped to one wall in the tiny bedroom he and his second wife, Kokila, share at the Wildflower Inn. The room is adjacent to the front counter of the motel and has a large, flat-screen television mounted on a wall that monitors customers com-

ing and leaving the lobby.

The Wildflower Inn is completely booked most days thanks to the increasing oil and gas activity in DeWitt County.

"Cuero is blessed," Vora said.

Vora hops in his golf cart and proudly offers a tour of the property behind the motel where he is constructing an RV park. In one corner of the property, Vora has plans to build a 3,000-square-foot home. His prayer is to have his daughter, Doral, here in Cuero by the time the home is complete.

Despite filing for citizenship since 2001, the Voras have not been able to gain legal status in the country. Doral was forced to attend college in Australia and currently manages a hotel in the United Arab Emirates.

After the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the government has made it increasingly difficult for non-residents to obtain visas.

"She wants to be with us here," Vora said. "She has tried five times to get over here. But each time, they put her name in a computer and they see that her parents in

America do not have any status."

Doral calls her parents at least twice a day.

"I understand they have a shortage of people and they have to check backgrounds," Vora said. "But how long does it take?"

"I have to stop crying and I have to tell (Kokila) to please stop crying. Because when she cries, I can't sleep."

### Coming to America

After the death of his wife and grandmother, Vora spiraled into depression.

"My parents could not see me like this and they suggested that I get married again," Vora said.

Vora married Kokila on Feb. 5, 1995. Vora's father died a few months later. In November of 1996, Vora and Kokila had a son, Viren.

"I was a very happy father," Vora said. "But by now, our financial situation had become very bad. I did not have enough money to buy basic necessities for my kids. I did not have enough money to buy diapers for my son. I was broke."

That's when Vora decided he needed to leave India and begin a new life in America. He had been to the U.S. several times before on business trips.

"In 1997, I came to America and at the air-

port I saw in a newspaper a job advertisement for a maintenance man," Vora said.

Vora received a six-month visit visa and worked for over five months as the maintenance man at a hotel in Wilson, N.C.

"I would send money home to India," Vora said. "The owner of the hotel would pay me \$800 a month, but I needed more money, so I would work 16 hours a day and he agreed to give me \$1,600 a month."

Two weeks before his visa expired, Vora returned to India to get Kokila and Viren and bring them with him to the U.S.

"I could not get visas for my daughters because their passports were up for renewal," Vora said. "When they got their passports, we thought we could bring them here."

Over the next two years, Vora and his wife worked as housekeepers at a Holiday Inn in Kingston, N.C., returning to India every six months after their visas expired and returning with new visas to continue their jobs.

In October of 1999, Vora returned to the U.S. alone, seeking more for his family.

"I told my wife to let me organize something and then I would call her,"

Vora said.

Vora noticed a for sale ad for a motel in Las Cruces, N.M., with a zero-down lease option to buy.

"I went there and spoke to the owner and through an attorney we made an agreement," Vora said.

"The very next day, I called my wife to come to the USA as early as possible."

But Vora's immigration problems began on Jan. 1, 2000, when he picked up Kokila and Viren from the airport.

"An immigration officer called me and asked for my passport," Vora said. "He asked me why I was going back and forth to India twice a year. I told him I was trying to establish a living in America. Immediately, he cancelled my visa and my wife's visa."

Vora said he was wronged by the owners of the Las Cruces motel and was advised by an immigration attorney to find an employer who would work with him to gain work authorization and U.S. citizenship.

Vora worked for two motel companies in Houston until February 2007, when the Days Inn he was managing filed for bankruptcy.

"They told me to leave, so I had to leave," Vora said. "By now, I was tired of the employers and everyone's false promises. I decided to have my own business and told my wife no more crying."

While at a Buddhist temple in Houston, Vora overheard someone talking about a hotel for sale in Cuero.

"I was told the owners would not talk to an Indian," Vora said. "I told my wife we would go there and talk to them face to face."

The Voras were able to convince the owners of the Wildflower Inn to let them work for their rent, cleaning up rooms.

"We worked 10 to 15 hours a day," Vora said.

During his time in the U.S., Vora had built up a line of credit. After building the trust, the owners agreed to sell the motel to Vora for \$575,000 with a down payment of \$75,000.

"God is there and he heard my voice," Vora said. "I had several credit cards and I called American Express and they put my entire credit

limit on one card. They put \$80,000 on one card."

Vora made the down payment in May 2007. He said he has paid off the \$80,000 credit and 70 percent of the balance of the hotel.

### The waiting game

Now the Voras have concentrated their efforts on gaining U.S. citizenship and getting Doral to Cuero.

"Money is not the only solution for peace of mind and I do not feel comfortable without my green card and my daughter," Vora said. "I need her with me. She was 12 years old when I last hugged her. Now she is 25 years old and I have still not met her."

Vora said he is frustrated by the red tape he has had to go through to gain citizenship.

"In 2003, I got a letter from the Labor Department that says my papers are in Dallas," Vora said. "In 2005, they sent me a letter saying my file was in a Dallas backlog center. Then in 2007, they sent me a letter saying my file moved from Dallas to the Chicago backlog center."

Now I'm waiting to get a letter that says they are moving my file from America to the moon."

Vora said he is also frustrated with immigration laws that are being made ineffective against illegal immigrants, while he has been unable to gain citizenship legally for over a decade.

"That is not right," Vora said of illegal immigration. "That is lying. My mother told me to never lie. I know what is better in the long term. You don't lie. If you do, it will come back to you. If you don't lie, God helps you."

Despite the hardships he has faced gaining citizenship, Vora said the United States is still the land of opportunity.

"In America, even a dumb man, if he will work hard and honestly, can become a millionaire in five years," Vora said. "If a smart man will work hard and use his mind very well, he can make \$10 million."

"I could sell my property here, move back to India and live like a king," Vora said. "But we don't want to go back. This is our home."