

## **AGENDA ITEM 7.F.**

**RE:** Notification of the Serving of Alcoholic Beverages at Laredo College Facilities, as per Laredo College Board Policy GDA(LOCAL)-Community Expression and Use of College Facilities: Conduct on College District Premises

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For information only.

**BACKGROUND:** The Future of the Region South Texas (FORST) Conference will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> in the Martinez Fine Arts Center, Yearly Library – Falcon Bank Executive Conference Room, Yearly Library 222, Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) building, and the Events Center. They are requested the serving of alcohol on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the VPA. Alcohol will be purchased/distributed by Blue Chip Catering and paid by the FORST organization. They are actively seeking sponsorship for alcohol from outside entities.

Future of the Region of South Texas (FORST) is a long-standing citizen action group established in the 1990s by Judith Zaffirini and Henry Cisneros. The organization represents six Councils of Government (COGs) across 47 counties in South Texas, spanning the San Antonio–Southwest and San Antonio–Southeast regions through Victoria.

FORST focuses on six key policy areas:

- Economic Development
- Education
- Energy
- Infrastructure
- Healthcare
- Public Safety

Within the education sector, the organization collaborates with the South Texas Community College Consortium, which includes: Alamo Colleges, Coastal Bend College, Southwest Texas Junior College, Texas Southmost College, South Texas College, Del Mar College, and Victoria College.

The organization hosts a biennial legislative conference, rotating between San Antonio, Laredo, and Corpus Christi. LC will be their host site for the conference this year.

### **BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:**

### **CONTACT PERSONS:**

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