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Pablo's Mexican Restaurant Plans to Open in REO Town

Lansing Economic Development Corporation approves initial plans

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today announced that the Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) approved initial plans for Pablo's Mexican Restaurant to expand and open in REO Town, Lansing. The original restaurant, Pablo's Panaderia, opened in 2005 in Old Town, Lansing.

"Pablo's Mexican Restaurant has delicious food and I am thrilled that they are expanding here in Lansing," said Mayor Andy Schor. "REO Town is thriving with new businesses and the addition of Pablo's will boost the area even more."

The proposed plan includes redevelopment of the building at 1102 South Washington Avenue. It will have a seating capacity of 120, including 20 indoor tables and 10 patio tables during the summer. The patio will be fenced and landscaped to create a beautiful outdoor gathering space.

"The REO Town restaurant will be focused on fresh, authentic Mexican cuisine, made from scratch daily," said Pablo Maldonado, owner of Pablo's. "We plan to replicate the original food concept developed in Old Town, along with several major improvements at the REO Town location."

Pablo's food is authentically Mexican, based on the recipes typically found in Puebla's countryside. The restaurant will serve lunch and dinner daily, Monday through Sunday.

"I have so much respect for Pablo Maldonado," said Tom Donaldson, capital region director, Michigan Small Business Development Center at Lansing Community College. "He's built his reputation on great food and warm hospitality. Pablo's has been a go-to spot in Old Town and the new restaurant will be the perfect addition to REO Town."

The recommendation of the Project Area and Project Plan will be presented to City Council by the LEDC Board. With council approval, Pablo's will make use of the LEDC Finance Assistance Program Loan to begin redevelopment of the property at 1102 South Washington Avenue.

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