

February 27, 2026

Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg
1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

On behalf of the Vicksburg Warren Economic Development Partnership, we sincerely appreciate the City of Vicksburg's continued support of regional economic development efforts. Your annual investment in the Chamber of Commerce over the past several years has strengthened small business programming, entrepreneurship initiatives, and leadership development across the city, while helping secure more than \$4.8 billion in capital investment and over 1,000 jobs in recent years.

The year 2025 marked a historic milestone, with more than \$4.6 billion in newly announced investments, at least 630 direct and indirect jobs, and an estimated 4,000 construction jobs projected over the next four years.

Vicksburg is at a pivotal moment. We are transitioning from episodic opportunity to sustained economic growth capable of reaching more families across our community. Preserving this momentum will require focused business recruitment and strategic national outreach to industries such as steel, aluminum, chemicals, and forestry. To support this expanded effort, we respectfully request an additional \$45,000 annual investment in the Vicksburg Warren Chamber of Commerce.

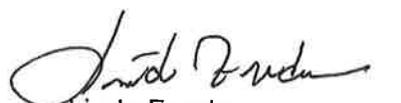
This request aligns with a coordinated commitment among the other Partnership members, each of whom is increasing its own investment to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Partnership. These additional resources will support expanded legal, engineering, planning, personnel, and due diligence needs associated with recently announced projects and potential expansions.

The City currently contributes \$105,000 annually to the Chamber of Commerce to support its programming and economic development initiatives. This request would increase the City's total annual investment to \$150,000, supporting an accelerated pace of development in our region, including advancement of the new Port of Vicksburg and recruitment of complementary industries alongside Amazon and other industrial targets.

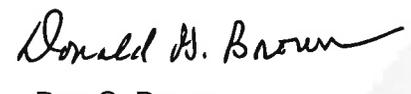
We value your leadership and partnership and look forward to continuing this important work together as we build a stronger future for Vicksburg and Warren County.



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