

From the Desk of Gustavo Olivares Mayor

Dear Residents of Rio Hondo,

As your Mayor, I would like to take a moment to encourage you to support our wonderful local businesses and shop locally. When we choose to buy from our local stores, restaurants, and services, we are directly investing in our community and helping to build a stronger, more vibrant Rio Hondo.

Here are just some of the reasons why shopping local matters:

Supports Local Jobs:

By choosing local businesses, we keep money circulating in Rio Hondo, creating and maintaining jobs for our neighbors.

Strengthens our community:

Local businesses are the heart and soul of our neighborhoods. They provide a unique character and a sense of community that large corporations can't replicate.

• Boosts Our Economy:

Shopping local keeps the financial benefits within our city, rather than flowing out to distant companies.

Preserves Our Unique Character:

Local businesses offer a diverse mix of goods and services that make Rio Hondo a special place to live.

Please consider these benefits the next time you plan to buy a product or service, and Ask yourself, "Can I spend my dollars locally?" I encourage each and every one to think. **LOCAL FIRST** and consider supporting a Rio Hondo business the next time you need

groceries, gas, or go out to eat. So, before you go online and fill your cart, check out what's down the block.

Here are some simple ways you can support local businesses:

Shop at Local Stores:

Choose to buy your everyday essentials from our local merchants instead of large chains.

Eat at Local Restaurants:

Enjoy a meal out at one of our wonderful restaurants and support the local chefs and staff.

Utilize Local Services:

Consider using local businesses for services like landscaping, home repairs, or professional advice.

Spread the Word:

Tell your friends and neighbors about the great businesses we have in Rio Hondo and encourage them to shop local as well.

By working together, we can ensure that our local businesses continue to thrive and that Rio Hondo remains a strong and prosperous community.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Gustavo "Gus" Olivares Mayor, City of Rio Hondo

Below is a list of our local businesses:

Pizza Express Rio Hondo Lumber

Rio Hondo Bait Shop Taqueria Rio Hondo

ACP Integrity Management LLC Parra's Tamales

Toro's Nutrition Subway

Suly's Flower Shop No Name Brand LLC

Noelia's Restaurant Spotted Sea Trout

Reynera Bakery Rio Hondo Tax Service

La Reynera Snacks Adopt-A-Platoon

Holiday Express Liquor Store Garza Upholstery

Stripes Rhyner Construction Service

Triple A Farm & Ranch Feed Store Dollar Tree

Sky Event Center Dollar General

Triple A Western Wear O'Reilly's

Rio Care Wash

RGV Credit Union Mary's Café

Mike's Supermarket Little Texans Daycare

Gil's Service Station Rio Smoke Catering

The Country Store Rio Hondo Civic Center

Arroyo's Garage Arroyo's Snack Shop