

Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

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Introduction

In February 1995, Pastor Jaime Loya and his father-in-law, Rev. Francisco Benavides, began Valley International Christian Center (VICC), a Spirit-Filled, Bible-Based Church. They began the ministry at their home, with their immediate families which consisted of only thirteen (13) people. Soon after, Pastor Loya and his wife became the Senior Pastors. Valley International Christian Center is a non-denominational, multicultural, bilingual ministry that is redefining church. Offering a variety of ministries and outreaches, we are determined to save the lost at any possible cost. Valley International Christian Center has been recognized by the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), Third Day Believer's Network (3DBN), and the Heritage Registry of Who's Who in America as one of the fastest growing ministries in the United States. V.I.C.C. is now home to more than 1,200 people and growing.

Here at Valley International Christian Center, we are redefining "church". We believe people are looking for something real and here at VICC, we are offering just that. From our praise and worship to our programs, it is not church as usual. From preaching in the church to taking it to the streets, we are determined to change our world. We are committed to saving the lost at any cost. Working both nationally and internationally, we are seeing a tremendous move of God among all ages. We believe that God has chosen our church to set the standard for revival.

Our Television Ministry

In Mid 2005, Pastor Jaime Loya decided to expand his ministry through media. They began by employing a full time media director, building a television control room and by equipping the church with cameras and television lighting. Soon after, "*It's Your Time* with Pastor Jaime Loya" soon was on the air. This weekly 30 minute broadcast is aired around the world. Pastor Loya preaches with a conviction and revelation that produces an uncommon faith in those who hear it. The program is taped LIVE at the studios and sanctuary of Valley International Christian

Center in San Benito, Texas. The program airs every Thursday at 11 a.m. and Saturday at 5:30 p.m. on the local Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) station Channel 44 (Cable Channel 9) located in Harlingen, Texas.

Undue Burden Request

Jaime Loya Ministries hereby request an undue burden exemption from the closed captioning rules for "It's Your Time with Pastor Jaime Loya" television program.

Reasons behind Request for Undue Burden

Financial Impact

(The nature and cost of the closed captioning for the programming)

Any additional costs to the program will be drastic. Jaime Loya Ministries is a non-profit religious institution that receives most of their monetary funds through the Jaime Loya Ministry (JLM) television partners, love offerings and donations. With these financial givings, the ministry has to ensure that all the processes in keeping the show "on the air" is maintained including having to pay five hundred dollars (\$500.00) every week for every 30 minute show to the Trinity Broadcasting Network. The process includes computer maintenance, computer programs, office/video supplies and the salary of a full-time media director all running only with the contributions of our faithful viewers and partners.

The Demographics

(The impact on the operation of the provider or program owner)

"It's Your Time with Pastor Jaime Loya" is mostly seen in The Rio Grande Valley located in southern point of Texas. The ministry believes that God has called us to reach the people of this region. According to U.S. statistics; most of the counties that make up the Rio Grande Valley are some of the poorest in the United States. Willacy County (12), Hidalgo County (22) and Cameron County (60) are included in the 100 poorest counties by per capita income in the United States. Another county in the region, Starr County (5) is in the top five in the 100 poorest counties by median household income in the United States. Many of our viewers and support come from this region; therefore, any additional costs to the program could result in a possible financial decline from our viewers and possible monetary cancellations from our television partners. In result, could possibly end the television program.

Conclusion

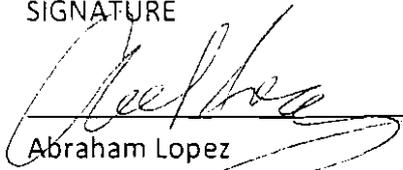
With all the reasons behind the request for the undue burden exemption, we hope that you will consider our ministry and our efforts in changing the community around us and exempt "It's Your Time with Pastor Jaime Loya" television program from any additional costs which might result in ending the program due to added costs.

Date: April 24, 2009

AFFIDAVIT:

I, ABRAHAM LOPEZ, SWEAR THAT THE PETITION REQUESTING EXEMPTION FROM CLOSE CAPTIONING IS ACCURRATE TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

SIGNATURE



Abraham Lopez
JLM Media Director

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