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To:

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Coordination of the Local Program of the Open Government Partnership (OGP Local)

Dear Coordination Team,

As the Mayor of Osasco, I would like to express our Municipality's firm interest in renewing our commitment to remain in the Local Program of the Open Government Partnership (OGP Local), with the clear purpose of deepening innovation in the public sector, transparency, integrity, and citizen participation — fundamental principles that already guide our administration. We seek to consolidate efficient, data-driven management with constant monitoring of public policies and strategic partnerships with other agencies and institutions, strengthening cooperation and delivering tangible results to the people of Osasco.

I reaffirm that Osasco has the political will and commitment necessary to continue advancing along the path of open government. Our goal is to collaboratively build, together with our citizens, the **2nd Osasco Open Government Action Plan**, which will guide the municipality's initiatives in the coming years, with goals to be implemented by 2028. This new plan reinforces our dedication to transparency, social participation, and accountability, always aligned with the values and principles of Open Government.

Osasco is one of the largest cities in the São Paulo Metropolitan Region, with nearly 800,000 inhabitants and rich social, cultural, and economic diversity. The city has the second-largest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the State of São Paulo and the seventh-largest in Brazil. It stands among the main economic centers in the country, being a strategic hub for services and commerce. Despite its economic strength, we are aware that historical social challenges remain, which require our continued commitment to dialogue and the development of more effective public policies that meet the expectations and needs of our population.

In recent years, the city has made significant progress on the open government agenda. A very important milestone in this process was the institutionalization of the agenda and the strategic achievement of creating the **Department of Open Government and Citizenship Strengthening (DGA)** through the 2020 administrative reform, under the Secretariat of Planning and Management. The DGA has been consolidating and promoting a culture of open government in Osasco, fostering cross-sector dialogues and working in a coordinated and



strategic manner with several areas of the public administration. In addition to coordinating and promoting social participation and transparency actions, the department has expanded channels of dialogue with the population across territories, using innovative workshop methodologies and digital tools to bring citizens closer to government decision-making.

I would like to highlight our **“Ideas for Osasco”** planning social network — a free and open-source software tool we use as a social platform to collect citizen demands — as well as our **Artificial Intelligence Public Consultation** for developing new urban policies. I also highlight the **“Counting the Accounts Workshop”**, a civic education project on public budgeting, recognized as a good practice by the **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** and other global institutions. We use it as an innovative participatory workshop for the city’s main planning instrument, the **2026–2029 Multi-Year Plan (PPA)**. The project uses simple language and connects with citizens through sports, as Osasco proudly hosts the best women’s volleyball team in Brazil, creating a participatory dynamic we call the **“Planning Olympics.”**

In 2024, we delivered our **1st Open Government Action Plan**, developed collaboratively with civil society and monitored by a team of researchers from the **Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP)**. Its pillars include **Public Transparency, Accountability, Social Participation, Technology, and Innovation**. We created the **Participa Osasco** platform, through which we promote digital public consultations on various management topics. We regulated the right of access to information and implemented the **Electronic Citizen Information System (e-SIC)**, expanding social oversight. We also modernized the **Transparency Portal** and have been expanding the culture of holding public hearings and consultations in the development of municipal policies. More recently, Osasco enacted the **General Data Protection Law (LGPD)** regulation and issued a decree establishing the foundations for the **1st Municipal Open Data Plan**.

Initiatives such as territorial workshops — which listen to and build solutions with the population, including the elderly, youth, children, Indigenous peoples, people experiencing homelessness, and residents of peripheral territories — reinforce a culture of citizen participation and cooperation between government and society. The **“Mayor in Your Neighborhood”** program also embodies this openness by bringing the entire City Hall structure to communities through a task force of services, public assistance, and urban improvements that strengthen the bond between government and citizens. Furthermore, the municipality has invested in monitoring and improving public services, such as a **real-time monitoring system in the healthcare network**, which increases efficiency and transparency in citizen care. The **reactivation of Community Civil Defense Centers (NUDECs)** has expanded our capacity to respond to climate emergencies and strengthened network-based



actions in peripheral areas. These and other initiatives demonstrate that Osasco already lives the principles of Open Government in practice — with an administration that values dialogue, innovation, and the collective construction of more human, efficient, and reality-based public policies.

In this regard, we emphasize that **addressing the climate crisis** is one of the most urgent issues of our time and must be treated as a priority in local public agendas. However, this is not only about developing technically sound environmental policies but ensuring that such policies are built with the **active participation of the population**, especially communities most affected by the social and environmental impacts of climate change. We believe that only by making citizens part of the process — by allowing them to express opinions, deliberate, and co-create possible alternatives — can we build lasting and effective solutions. The climate crisis demands collective action, shared responsibility, and constant dialogue between government, civil society, the private sector, and academia. That is precisely why we view **open government as a strategic tool** to ensure climate justice and social transformation.

Promoting a city more resilient to current challenges requires ongoing dialogue and collective construction with the population, recognizing and valuing the knowledge, experiences, and needs of those who live and build Osasco every day. We aim to strengthen and institutionalize existing participatory practices in the city while learning from other local governments in the global network. The support of OGP and civil society organizations in disseminating the culture of open government — both inside and outside Osasco City Hall — will provide the necessary stimulus for us to consolidate an increasingly open administration.

I thank you for the opportunity to renew our commitment and formally submit our application once again to the **OGP Local Program**. I look forward with great enthusiasm to the confirmation of our partnership.



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