

Control and Open Government Department

REF: Support for admission to Local OGP of the Metropolitan Regional Government of Santiago and Municipality of Renca.

PEÑALOLÉN, 23.01.2024.

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FROM: CAROLINA LEITAO ÁLVAREZ SALAMANCA
MAYOR
MUNICIPALITY OF PEÑALOLÉN - CHILE

1. I am pleased to address you on behalf of the Municipality of Peñalolén, in order to formalize our support to the candidacy of the Metropolitan Regional Government of Santiago and the Municipality of Renca, for admission to the OGP Local initiative.
2. The Municipality of Peñalolén has maintained a close and fruitful collaboration with the Metropolitan Regional Government of Santiago (GORE RM) and the Municipality of Renca in the promotion of Open Government principles. Some of the most outstanding initiatives of this collaboration include:

-The realization of the "Meeting of Open Municipalities of the Metropolitan Region" on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 in the facilities of the GORE RM. This event, of great importance, was attended by remarkable communal authorities, experts from ECLAC and the Regional Governor, and showed the leadership of Renca and the Regional Government of the Metropolitan Region of Santiago, in promoting transparency and citizen participation.

- The participation in the Collaborative Design Workshop of the 2nd Open Government Action Plan for the Municipality of Renca, held on June 16, 2023, in collaboration with "Fundación Tribu", ECLAC and the participation of the Municipality of Maipú, in the facilities of the Chilean Association of Municipalities. This workshop is a clear example of Renca's commitment to the co-creation of Open Government policies.

- The contribution in the "International Seminar - Local Open Government: exchange of regional practices", in the round table on "Management of local open government action plans: good practices and lessons learned", on October 16, 2023. This important seminar, organized by ECLAC, OGP Local and the Chilean Association of Municipalities, highlights the

interest and active participation of Renca in the promotion of successful practices in Open Government.

3. We are convinced that the incorporation of the Metropolitan Regional Government of Santiago and the Municipality of Renca, in OGP Local, will represent a valuable contribution to the network, and will benefit both institutions through the exchange of experiences and collaboration with other members.

In particular, the incorporation of the Santiago Metropolitan Regional Government will allow to develop an open government work that articulates the regional level with the municipal level. It will also allow the 52 municipalities that integrate the metropolitan region to assume the principles of Open Government and develop programs to implement them in their own territories. Additionally, the Chilean Municipalities that today integrate OGP Local (Maipú and Peñalolén), and those with whom we have participated in an informal network of Open Municipalities, will be able to contribute through joint work.

4. By virtue of the above, the Municipality of Peñalolén strongly supports the admission of the Metropolitan Regional Government of Santiago and the Municipality of Renca to OGP Local, committing ourselves to collaborate as necessary to submit with the requirements of this admission, contributing our experience and knowledge in the development and implementation of Open Government action plans.

Looking forward to a favorable reception to this application, I send you my best regards,

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Santiago of Chile, January 24nd, 2024

Open Government Partnership

To whom it may concern,

As the mayor of the Municipality of Maipu, a local government in Chile member of the OGP Local initiative, I am writing to you to support both the Regional Government of Santiago and the Municipality of Renca in their application to join the OGP Local initiative.

Subnational governments are vital for strengthening democracies, as they are closer public institutions to citizens. That is why we strongly believe that this Program is an excellent opportunity for lots of cities around the world, that are already working together with local CSOs or citizens or are willing to, to involve in Open Government alliances and institutionalize the co-creation of public policies with civil society.

Renca has been working towards social innovation and open data very deeply in the past 7 years, developing several programs, activities and initiatives that promote openness and civic participation. One of them is the Open Data Portal that contains several datasets, being an example of good practice regarding transparency. Additionally, I consider relevant highlights that Renca was the first municipality in Chile with an open government action plan. The co-creation process was designed and executed by the Tribu Foundation, adhering to the guidelines defined by OGP. Also, the process included the technical supervision of ECLAC, who together with Tribu published a handbook systematizing this experience in a methodology for the co-creation, implementation, and monitoring of open government local action plans.

On the other hand, the Regional Government has carried out several initiatives regarding transparency, being the creation of the Citizen Attention Office a fantastic example. Its goal is to provide information for people who carry out procedures within the Regional Government institutionality. It is also in charge of the adequate reception and management of the corresponding feedback related to these procedures. Moreover, the Regional Government has developed innovative participatory initiatives such as the Advisory Councils. They are councils



made up of experts in a certain field, who seek to provide advice, propose improvements or solutions regarding problems of public interest in which the regional government is a fundamental stakeholder, through a diagnosis of the current situation and reflection on improvement scenarios. The experts recruited for each council come from the Academy; NGOs; Social Organizations; Business sector, depending on the topic being discussed.

Considering both the Regional Government and the Municipality of Renca, we believe there are many initiatives that can be strengthened, such as participation processes, dialogue round-table meetings, and active transparency. As mayor of Maipú, I aim to strengthen the relationship with both institutions. Moreover, I will encourage other local governments to get involved in the process and start developing commitments such as the ones promoted by the OGP.

Thereby, from the municipality of Maipú we strongly support this application, and we hope that the integration of the Regional Government of Santiago and the Municipality of Renca to OGP Local initiative becomes a reality, keeping in mind the objective of continuing to work together for more transparency, civic participation and institutional strengthening.

If you require further information on the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Tomás

Tomás Vodanovic Escudero
Mayor of Maipú

I am writing to you in my capacity as Mayor of Renca. This is a commune of the Metropolitan Region, which has about 147.151 inhabitants in a territory of 24 km², located in the northwest of the Metropolitan Region of Santiago. Renca is characterized by the presence of geographical landmarks, including the highest island hill in the Metropolitan Region and its proximity to the Mapocho River, as well as the Vespucio Norte and Panamericana highways.

This year our commune celebrates 130 years since its foundation. In the context of this event of such relevance to our community, on behalf of the people of Renca I express my strict conviction and intention to join the Open Government Partnership, with the objective of continuing to work with the principles of an open and transparent local government.

We are the first commune in Chile that cocreated an Open Government action plan, where together with our neighbors and in alliance with the Tribu Foundation and ECLAC, we worked to be pioneers at the national level in municipal probity and transparency, in pursuit of an effective and efficient local government.

For us, continuing the work in this path is an opportunity to advance in new challenges. We have shared in different instances the beautiful experience of working with the guiding principles of the Open Government Partnership, contributing to improve the quality of life of the residents of Renca. In addition, we are eager to share our experience in open government work with other local governments in Chile and Latin America, including those that are part of the alliance and from which we have a lot to learn.

This is our second term in office and this year we will face a new election for an eventual third period. In the last election process, the community of Renca supported our administration with more than 92.7% of the votes. Both in that previous electoral contingency and in the current one, the pillars that underpin Open Government have been a core component of our government plan, projecting our administration for the next four years under the same convictions and values regarding transparency, accountability and citizen participation.

During the past years we have advanced along the path of open government principles. First, with the construction of our first Open Government Plan, which defined 5 commitments that have been already executed. Currently, we are advancing in the creation of the second Open Government Plan, determining a transversal commitment from the entire local government.

For this reason, the leadership of this challenge will be led by the Municipal Secretary, so that the vision of the municipality's work is fully engaged in the implementation of the actions of the different municipal divisions, where we have multiplied our work in terms of transparency, sharing information of the municipality's actions beyond what the national regulations require of us.

We continue to advance in bringing our work closer to the community, understanding local governments as the first gateway to the State for citizens. Along these lines, from the Municipality we have created a multidisciplinary working group on modernization so that the community can carry out its procedures without having to leave their workplace or home. One of the greatest

milestones in this aspect is the creation of *Renca*, the first municipal virtual assistant powered by artificial intelligence in the country.

A community that participates is understood beyond the attendance to cultural or recreational events. Our conception of participation implies a community that is part of the decision-making process and is involved in the transformation of our community, consolidated in one of our priority pillars "Renca Participa". We have delivered more than 2 million dollars in participatory budgets, so that the community as a whole can execute it in their neighborhoods, squares and alleys, financing transformative projects focused on the community.

In these 7 years we have improved citizen participation in our commune, significantly growing its social organizations through the installation of the Civil Society Council (COSOC) and community work. COSOC's contribution to our community has materialized in the increase of its representatives, from 14 to 21 councilors, creating decision-making tables and thematic commissions of women and gender-specific diversities, indigenous peoples, among others. It is

worth mentioning that the work regarding this initiative has been articulated with the principles and values of the open government paradigm. In this regard, we decided to incorporate into the COSOC regulations the operating principles for the multi-stakeholder forum that OGP suggests. In this way, we have been able to take advantage of the COSOC institutional framework to function as a multi-stakeholder forum for open government, a determination that was formulated as one of the commitments of our first action plan.

We want to continue moving forward firmly with the principles of Open Government. Seeking greater transparency, advancing protocols in different directions, and continuing to promote community participation and greater technology and innovation in local work. The deepening of this work must have a character at a local as well as regional scale, understanding the multiple challenges that our region faces and the diversity of local experiences.

At this point, the central concern is not only the promotion of open government at a local and regional level, but in making a reality the ambition of an intelligent articulation between the local and regional levels. For the Municipality of Renca it is very interesting, in addition to developing our own process, to participate in this joint application with the Regional Government, in which better forms of articulation between the municipal and regional level can be explored. This effort will not only enhance our own performance but will give us the opportunity to contribute experience and knowledge to the international open government ecosystem.

We hope that the previous open government experience of the Municipality of Renca along with the experiences, resources and capabilities of the Regional Government of Santiago enable synergies and an extraordinary project for both of our entities, as well as to give the opportunity to produce knowledge on the possibilities for structuring an articulation between these two subnational levels of the State. Moreover, we expect to motivate many other municipalities of the

Region of Santiago to join this articulation and, through it, for them to adopt the principles of open government. And Last, but not least, we sincerely expect to contribute to the international community of OGP with our lessons learned on how to articulate the second and the third level of the State for the better development of local open government.



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**DE: CLAUDIO ORREGO LARRAÍN
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A: OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

Dear OGP Local:

I am writing to you as Governor of the Santiago Metropolitan Region to announce our firm intention to join the Open Government Partnership as an act of unwavering commitment to the principles of open and transparent government. We understand that this commitment is not only a responsibility, but also an opportunity to improve the quality of life of those who live in our region. We look forward to working closely with the Open Government Partnership and its members to exchange experiences, learn from best practices and contribute to strengthening the core values of open government globally. Our commitment to the Open Government Declaration is strong and underpinned by a deep conviction in the importance of transparency, citizen participation and accountability in governance at any level. We recognize that collaboration and openness are fundamental to strengthening citizens' trust in their government institutions.

The Santiago Metropolitan Region is a territory of 15.403 km² located in the central zone of Chile. It is divided into 6 provinces, which includes a total of 52 communes. With a population of 7.112.808 inhabitants, it is the biggest territorial jurisdiction of the country, concentrating 40,5% of Chile's total population. It is also worth mentioning that Santiago, the capital city of Chile, is a predominant portion of the entire Metropolitan Region, being also a political, economic and cultural center of the country. The Government of Santiago is the political jurisdiction that constitutes this region: an autonomous body that is in charge of the higher administration of the region, concerned with the harmonious and equitable development of the territory. Its main work is the planning and preparation of projects that promote the economic, social and cultural development of the Metropolitan Region, taking into account the preservation and improvement of the environment and community participation.

Throughout the almost three years of our administration in the Regional Government



of Santiago, we have made relevant progress regarding the three constitutive pillars of the open government paradigm. Among the achievements linked to the pillar of transparency, we can highlight the participation of the Regional Government in the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), working group created in 2012, which brings together representatives of 35 public, private, academic institutions, civil society organizations and multilateral organizations, whose purpose is to promote the implementation and dissemination of the UNCAC principles, along with designing actions and strategies to comply in Chile with the objectives contained therein; in addition to strengthening the fight against corruption and promoting transparency.

It's also worth mentioning the creation of the web portal of the Regional Council of Santiago. This council is a democratically elected collegiate body that works in an articulated manner with the Government of Santiago which, like any democratic institution, has the duty to account for its work to the citizens. With this objective in mind, the Government of Santiago designed and put online a website that allows any citizen to review information regarding commissions, pre-investments, budget execution, requests, plenary sessions, among other documents.

Now considering accountability, one of the most relevant innovations in our administration is the creation of the Citizen Attention Office. Reporting to the Department of Ethics, Integrity and Transparency, its role is to facilitate access to information for people who carry out procedures of the Regional Government of Santiago, whether in physical, telephone and/or digital form. At the same time, it has the task of implementing in-person, telephone and digital channels for the reception and management of queries, suggestions, congratulations and complaints, establishing the procedures for their optimal functioning and dissemination. Taking into account that the Regional Government of Santiago is a new institution within the political structure of Chile, having already established in its first period a space for direct communication with the judgment of the citizens is an achievement in itself.

Now addressing the participation pillar, it is pertinent to mention that one of the transversal guidelines of the work that we have carried out in the Regional Government is to generate a constant base of citizen involvement in the design of our public policies. In this line, one of the policies of which we are most proud as an administration is the institution of the Regional Council of Civil Society. The council is made up of different organizational groups representing citizens, which are democratically elected among the registered groups and session in a periodic manner. The strength of this initiative lies in the institutionalization of an entity that persistently delivers input from citizens and that is capable of contributing to the judgment and decision-making of the regional authority. By this, we aspire that the participation pillar constitutes a preoccupation that transcends the different administrations of the Regional Government, transforming it into a state matter.

The initiatives set out above are only part of the unrestricted commitment that we have expressed as an institution towards the pillars of open government, even before being able to be part of the OGP. We would be proud to become a member of the Open Government Partnership's Local initiative, strengthening our commitment and implementing even more policies and practices that promote transparency, citizen participation and innovation in public management. In this request we are also interested in expressing the strategic priorities that we have identified as a regional government, to justify our interest in being part of the alliance.



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The most important of them is providing the local governments of the metropolitan region with an adequate articulation of the open government agenda. We are convinced that all the enthusiasm around the paradigm that we know is being expressed by different municipalities throughout the entire region, must be conducted in a constructive manner, which allows the incorporation of new actors to the work of open government without blurring the appropriate limits of the concept. Our goal is to formulate a form of articulation between the regional and communal levels, which is capable of promoting the co-creation of new action plans of municipalities that are not currently within OGP but are interested in the paradigm. A form of coordination that can facilitate resources, locate incentives and collectively agree on desired standards for said co-creation processes.

Of course we are also interested in co-creating an open government action plan for the Regional Government with the widest possible participation. We are interested in an ambitious process in terms of the social groups involved, as well as in relation to the effects on citizen legitimacy that we can obtain from it. To achieve these goals, we know that the partnership that we maintain with the local open government champions in Chile is fundamental. Here we consider the Municipality of Peñalolen and the Municipality of Maipu, both official members of OGP, as well as our consortium partner in this application, the Municipality of Renca.

This year we face a new election, a challenge for which we feel prepared and confident based on the work done. Our candidacy already has the support of 11 mayors of the metropolitan region, which adds to the strong citizen support that has already been observed in many polls and opinion studies for a long time.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to be part of this international network committed to promoting more open, transparent and inclusive governments. We look forward to contributing and learning in this joint journey towards a more transparent and participatory future.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear OGP Local:

From 2018 to date, [Fundación Tribu](#) have worked firmly to promote local open government both in Chile and in Latin America. Whether accompanying the co-creation of action plans in the municipalities of Maipu, Penalolen and Renca, generating knowledge through publications dedicated to the systematization of experiences and the reinforcement of good practices in co-creation processes, or working together with the UN ECLAC and the National Association of Municipalities in the organization of workshops, seminars and discussion panels; our commitment to the dissemination and enrichment of the local open government paradigm has positioned us as a fundamental organization within the ecosystem. It is precisely from this position that we have decided to support the application of the Regional Government of Santiago and the Municipality of Renca to be part of OGP Local, actively committing ourselves to the concretion of the desires and expectations that this application implies for both local governments.

This commitment is aligned with the two objectives that were specified as the most relevant in the consortium's application. Firstly, we are interested in exploring –together with the applicant entities– the development of articulation mechanisms between the regional and local levels of public administration in the work of open government. We are particularly interested in how this experience can contribute significantly to the international community, to achieve a better understanding about how to continue advancing in the penetration of the paradigm at the subnational level. Fortunately, we see in the Regional Government of Santiago and in the Municipality of Renca two champions up to the challenge, each providing the necessary elements to intelligently think about an adequate articulation model.

On the other hand, we entrust our active support for the design and execution of ambitious co-creation processes in terms of their massiveness and integration of innovative mechanisms for citizen participation in order to achieve higher levels of collective intelligence and social legitimacy. This is also a strong aspect of the application that we are interested in promoting: we see the upcoming processes of co-creation of local action plans as an opportunity to apply our learnings and our work with Stanford University in deliberative democracy and random selection mechanisms for participatory processes, possibilities whose potential for the open government paradigm we have been able to previously discuss with OGP members. We also perceive potential in the integration of technological and methodological innovations in the design and implementation of co-creation processes, being a relevant one the application of the roadmap framework developed by the University of Cambridge, very popular in other thematic spaces related to innovation and strategic planning.

At the Tribu Foundation we are convinced that implementing innovations in the field of citizen engagement is essential to overcome the current crisis of legitimacy that our democracy is going through worldwide, and we believe that the co-creation processes that will be implemented in the context of this application are a golden opportunity to advance in this line.

Last, but not least, it is appropriate to emphasise that the commitment that we express with these two entities is supported by the persistence and seriousness with which both have carried out their respective work around open government. We see in the Government of Santiago and in the Municipality of Renca two subnational administrations that have demonstrated an active interest in the incident participation of citizens, achieving first-level standards in the three constitutive pillars of the paradigm.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me directly in case of any questions.

Kind regards,

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