



January 15, 2024

Mr. Rudi Borrmann,

Deputy Director Open Government Partnership Local

Representing the illustrious Municipality of San Joaquin, I am pleased to express our interest in joining the Open Government Partnership Local. As a demonstration of our commitment, we endorse and uphold the principles set forth in the Open Government Declaration, considering it a duty to "foster a global culture of open government that empowers and serves citizens and promotes the ideals of open and participatory government in the 21st century."

San Joaquín is a commune located in the southern sector of the city of Santiago, capital of Chile. Currently, it has an approximate population of 103,000 people, with 11.8% of them having an income below the poverty line. Our commune is characterized by high citizen participation, with 85 Neighborhood Boards, 96 Security Committees, and a network of entrepreneurs that brings together more than 700 individuals. Additionally, we have collegial bodies in each Health Center, enabling direct dialogue with users.

Our administration took office in June 2021, immediately embracing a commitment to citizen participation and public integrity. We conducted the first municipal audit in 28 years and signed a collaboration agreement with the General Comptroller of the Republic, the Undersecretariat of Regional Development (SUBDERE), the Civil Service, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Through this agreement, we developed and implemented our first code of ethics, a fundamental tool for strengthening probity and transparency. We also enhanced participation mechanisms, activating the Civil Society Council (COSOC) of San Joaquín, conducting binding citizen consultations, "Government in Your Neighborhood" operations, and taking the Municipal Council to the territories. Further details on these and other initiatives are available in our "Diagnosis of Good Municipal Practices in Open Government."

For 2023, our goal is to progress towards an open municipality with the support of digital tools. The Municipal Council, a normative, decision-making, and oversight collegial entity, approved an Action Plan aimed at collaboratively designing a participation and transparency policy with the residents of our territory. This emphasizes the importance of preventing situations of ethical non-compliance in public institutions and making data available to the public. This led to the creation of the San Joaquín Community Open Government program, under the Municipal Administration unit, with a dedicated Open Government Coordinator and a budget for hiring professionals and operational expenses. Support is also provided by municipal units, especially the Departments of Community Development, Local Economic Development, Community Security, and the departments of Health, Communications, and Information Technology, including their personnel and technical resources.

In this way, we co-created the first Open Government Plan of San Joaquín, a process that began in August. The COSOC, a representative space for various community organizations, chose to work on the themes of women and entrepreneurship, health, and security. Together with representatives from neighborhood boards, security committees, health councils, women entrepreneurs, and various municipal units, we gathered information that allowed us to generate preliminary proposals. These proposals were then subject to a vote through the "Commitments for an Open Municipality" Citizen Consultation held in December, in which nearly 1,000 residents participated. Throughout the process, we maintained contact with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Tribu Foundation, and other municipalities in the country that are already part of OGP Local, such as Maipú and Peñalolén, from whom we received specific supports.

The prioritized proposals that make up our first action plan and will be implemented during 2024 are:

- Promote the primary health network
- Promote community security
- Promote the well-being of women

In addition to the above, in line with our commitment to transparency and accountability, in collaboration with community organizations, decided to develop proactive transparency platforms called "Transparent Budget" and "Online Program." The first will provide updated and easily understandable information to the public about the budget execution of the Municipality, categorized by work areas. On the other hand, the second initiative will account for programmatic execution based on what was proposed during the electoral campaign, demonstrating coherence in municipal management and the fulfillment of commitments made to the residents of San Joaquín.

With the commitment to continue advancing in citizen participation, accountability, and transparency, involving the community more in municipal management, we believe it is crucial to be part of OGP Local. Being part of this international network involves joining forces with other government agencies and civil society organizations to transform how public management interacts with citizens and share lessons learned about the results obtained.

On our part, we make available the knowledge gained during the co-creation process of our first Open Government Plan, particularly in the prioritized themes (Security, Health, Women, and Entrepreneurship), and in the platforms developed for the citizen consultation and proactive transparency.

San Joaquín is the fourth commune in the country to co-create its open government plan, which will be implemented in 2024. It is a challenge for our local administration to achieve results that impact residents, and we hope to have your support and collaboration, along with that of other municipalities part of OGP Local with whom we can share lessons, methodologies, and challenges, as we understand that the prioritized themes are common among other local governments. Additionally, we see joining OGP Local as an opportunity to continue developing open government plans in the future, establishing it as a sustainable practice over time, evaluating them with proper guidance, and making improvements in both execution and co-creation.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Cristóbal Labra Bassa

Mayor

Illustrious Municipality of San Joaquín

Santiago, Chile; January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear OGP Local:

I celebrate the enthusiasm of the Municipality of San Joaquín to begin its path in open government. *Tribu* has not had the chance to collaborate with them yet, but I expect that their interest will continue regardless of the outcome of this application.

We have decided to begin supporting them –and continue to–, to the best of our ability, regardless of the outcome of this application because we think that they could initiate a significant process in an urban commune of Chile.

As a concrete example of the above, we have just invited them to take part in an open government school that we will teach during the first semester of 2024, betting to train a team that will have the opportunity to continue in charge of the administration of the municipality for another period.

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

Kind regards,

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Dear Steering Committee of Local OGP,

On behalf of the Civil Society Council (COSOC), I am pleased to express my support for the nomination of the Illustrious Municipality of San Joaquín to your international Open Government network. I attest to the willingness of the municipal administration, led by its Mayor, to move towards greater transparency, where citizen participation, driven by each of our organizations, is the basis of the work to be carried out in each of the forthcoming projects.

As a collective space, we were part of the elaboration of San Joaquín's first Open Government Plan, being involved from the initial stage, where we defined the topics to work on, until the moment when the citizen consultation "Commitments for an Open Government" was carried out. It was a fruitful work, which we hope will yield very good results during the coming year.

We hope that with your support, Civil Society Organizations will be increasingly heard and involved in the projects that directly impact our territories.

Sincerely,



Lidia Aguayo

Vice President

Civil Society Council of San Joaquín

**REF.:** Postulación a OGP Local de Municipalidad de San Joaquín, Chile.

**PEÑALOLÉN, 26.01.2024.**

**A :** SEÑORES  
OGP LOCAL  
PRESENTE

**DE:** CECILIA JIMÉNEZ OYARZÚN  
DIRECTORA DE CONTROL Y GOBIERNO ABIERTO  
MUNICIPALIDAD DE PEÑALOLÉN - CHILE

1.- Por medio de la presente, en el marco de la postulación de la Municipalidad de San Joaquín, Chile, para integrar OGP Local, es mi interés señalar, que me ha correspondido presenciar, su interés en promover los principios del Gobierno Abierto en su territorio.

Efectivamente, San Joaquín ha realizado importantes esfuerzos, destinados a desarrollar un Plan de Acción de Gobierno Abierto, que permita concretar en forma práctica, los principios de participación pública, transparencia, tecnología e innovación en la implementación de políticas públicas locales.

2.- Considerando lo expuesto, San Joaquín ha demostrado su voluntad de asumir el paradigma de Gobierno Abierto, como un eje relevante en su gestión, lo que justifica su interés en integrar la Alianza de Gobierno Abierto, OGP Local.

saluda atentamente a Ud.,

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