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The city that I live in is El Paso in Texas state, and it is among the cities that have had human settlement for many years ago. Over one hundred years ago, the city was involved in maize farming, and when the Spanish arrived, more people met. The people that populated the city were the Suma, Jumano and Manso tribes (Leyva, 2016). Other tribes that came in the city are the immigrants from central Mexico and the Mescalero Apache. Moreover, since El Paso was producing agricultural products, it grew economically when the region developed railroads. While the world wars were affecting many countries, they helped in the growth of the city. People could shop around through the exchange of goods, sell their land products, and purchase the processed products brought by rail. The Rio Grande divided El Paso and Ciudad Juarez; also, the river helped people in Mexico and Texas to do farming.

El Paso has changed tremendously from the past to the present day. The economic environment has transformed through diversification and concentrated mainly on international trade, oil and gas, healthcare and military. Moreover, Zárate et al. (2017) claimed that El Paso had become the essential region for American-based call centers. Being the fast activity conducted in the city, agriculture advanced significantly to cotton, livestock, and fruits. With the economic growth, El Paso city has also developed in the manufacturing industry by producing metals, plastic and automotive parts. Similarly, diversification has made the people meet individuals from different cultures and countries as they can travel through air and roads. Access has increased, and people can do shopping in different traders because the movement of goods is efficient. Various goods can bring their products, and big companies have also established offices in El Paso. For instance, the city is home to over seventy fortune 500 companies (Zárate

et al., 2017). People's lives have changed for the better today because there is advancement in education because they provide employment at schools and impact the population.

I did not know the concept of eminent domain. Enger & Smith (2019) emphasized that eminent domain is authority of any government to taking private land as well as change it to public utilization. Therefore, El Paso has exercised eminent domain and seized private property; however, the landowner has just compensated. The practice was done in Threadgill Avenue in northeast El Paso, where the city council agreed to acquire the private land and create a large water retention pond (Bock, 2019). The subdivision act of 1989 is the best state planning legislation used because it regulates the management of common property (Enger & Smith, 2019). The main intention of building the pond is to increase public safety and decrease flooding in the Northeast.

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