

Osasco, september 30, 2020

To: 2020 Local OGP Selection Committee

Dear OGP Local Team,

As Mayor of the Municipality of Osasco, I officiate the intention and desire of our city to integrate the Local Partnership Program for Open Government. I believe that assuming the commitment to this partnership - a reference in the promotion and global dissemination of the open government culture - will strengthen and qualify our trajectory of action in favor of a more inclusive, democratic, transparent and participative city.

Despite being very young - 58 years of political-administrative emancipation - Osasco is an urban city, small in territory and populous at the same time, with the challenge of strengthening local identity and facing the scenario of rapid growth and economic dynamism, transforming it into social development with inclusion and combating inequalities. It is not an easy task and it is not even an exclusive task of the City Hall. It is with open dialogue with the population, social organizations, local cultural collectives, trade unions, business associations, municipal participatory councils and academic entities that it is possible to understand the city we have and build the city we want.

The Osasco City Hall has made considerable progress in recent years in the formulation and implementation of initiatives and policies related to public transparency and the right to information, accountability, technological innovation for popular participation and digital governance. Recognizing these as OGP values, we affirm our commitment to them and to the registration criteria. Among the actions already taken, we highlight:

- Platform for public consultation and social participation, <u>Participa Osasco;</u>
- Platform for transparency and monitoring of the commitments agreed upon in the city's Pluriannual Plan (PPA), <u>Osasco Visão 360;</u>
- Regulation of the right to access information and implementation of the Electronic Citizen Information System (e-SIC);
- Development of the Portal da Transparência de Osasco (Transparency Portal);



PREFEITURA DO MUNICÍPIO DE OSASCO

- Platform for the provision of indicators that allow the composition of historical series regionalized and georeferenced search, <u>Banco de Indicadores da Cidade de Osasco</u> (BIC);
- Elaboration of the Plano Diretor de Osasco an instrument of urban planning and socioeconomic development of the city for the next ten years - with the participation of servants, civil society and housing movements through regional <u>workshops</u>, <u>sector</u> <u>meetings</u> and public hearings;
- Implementation of two Unified Arts and Sports Centers ("CEU das Artes") with a co-management model composed by the municipal administration and the local community, Education and Culture being the key thematic areas in which the City Hall has recently acted.

In this sense, we intend to advance the agenda by broadening the spaces for popular participation, so that the citizens will increasingly play an active role in the design of public policies. To this end, we propose to think and implement new ways and new instruments that make this participation possible. We consider it essential that the culture of open government reaches the final areas of public policies: Education, Health, Social Assistance, Culture and Environment, ensuring the transversal cut in relation to the debates of the contemporary world - expansion of social rights with cut of gender, race, class and sexual orientation; increase of the integrity of organizations - fight against corruption and open contracts; environmental protection; defense of democracy; promotion of civic spaces and, specifically in this context, containment of the pandemic and socioeconomic recovery of the municipality.

The Action Plan via OGP, which will be built with the support of the <u>Instituto de</u> <u>Governo Aberto</u> (IGA), will contribute to the opening of municipal government to the population and civil organizations, strengthening the relationship with municipal government in order to improve social control, qualify demands and co-produce solutions with innovative methodologies for city barriers. IGA is a civil society organization whose mission is to contribute to the construction of fairer, more inclusive and egalitarian relations between the State and society, having already acted with the support of participative processes in cities such as Rio de Janeiro-RJ and Niterói-RJ.

Within the government, we count on the open government working group of the Secretariat of Planning and Management (SEPLAG), composed of seven career officers



PREFEITURA DO MUNICÍPIO DE OSASCO

(permanent) and commissioned officers with professional and/or academic experience in social participation, public transparency and access to information to coordinate our actions and create the strategies for the advances we wish to make, with the perspective of creating a specific management for open government in the administrative reform that is being built. As a cross-cutting and multidisciplinary area, SEPLAG is primarily responsible for articulating public policies within the government, with constant presence and dialogue with other public agencies.

In terms of sharing experiences, we have built bridges of exchange and dialogue at the national level with the São Paulo City Hall - a local member of the OGP, reference organizations in open government and the defense of democracy in Brazil, such as Agenda Pública, Delibera Brasil and Transparência Internacional Brasil, and also with local social organizations in Osasco, through the Municipal Participative Councils. We intend to disseminate open government initiatives to other municipalities in the western metropolitan region of São Paulo, as a way to enhance regional strategies for socioeconomic development. At the international level, we have learned a lot from the Santiago Civic Laboratory, through contact with the Regional and Urban Planning Department of the University of Aveiro, in order to learn about innovative practices that meet what we seek to build in the city.

The horizon we seek is to increase confidence in the dialogue and relationship between state and society, and also to improve service delivery and implementation of public policies. The support of OGP and social organizations in spreading the culture of open government in and out of Osasco City Hall will be the necessary stimulus for the economic and socio-territorial development of the city to take place in line with the voice of those who live and build Osasco every day.

1 am grateful for the opportunity to apply and I look forward to confirmation of our selection for the OGP/Local Program.

Rogério Lins

Mayor of the Municipality of Osasco