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## **The City of Anna EDC Finalizes Agreement with GTP Food Group, LLC for \$10 Million Downtown Restaurant and Entertainment Project**

**New development will bring three popular local restaurants and outdoor entertainment space to Downtown Anna**

**ANNA, TEXAS (July 17, 2025)** — The City of Anna Economic Development Corporation (EDC) announces it has finalized an agreement with GTP Food Group, LLC to bring a new \$10 million restaurant and entertainment development to Downtown Anna. Located at the southwest corner of Highway 5 and Seventh Street, the project will include three well-known local restaurants — The Gin, Papa Gallo’s Mexican Grill and Margarita Bar, and Tenders Smokehouse — along with a beer garden, a stage for live music and a community patio space, all designed to enhance the area’s walkability.

Construction for the project is slated to begin in early 2026, with restaurant openings anticipated in early 2027. In addition, the new establishments are expected to generate more than 100 local jobs.

The development marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the City’s 2050 Downtown Master Plan and reflects Anna’s status as the fifth fastest-growing city in the nation and the EDC’s commitment to elevating Anna’s historic center into a destination for dining and entertainment.

“Our collaboration with GTP Food Group represents a major step forward in bringing our vision for Downtown Anna to life,” said City of Anna Mayor Pete Cain. “With these beloved local brands joining our community, we’re creating a thriving destination where people can gather and experience all Anna has to offer. This project will energize our downtown and set the stage for continued investment, opportunity and momentum in the years ahead.”

The new development will feature:

- **The Gin** – Anna will be home to the second location of The Gin, known for its Southern-inspired cuisine and charming atmosphere.
- **Papa Gallo’s Mexican Grill and Margarita Bar** – Offering a full menu of authentic Mexican favorites and margaritas, Papa Gallo’s is expanding to Anna with its second location.
- **Tenders Smokehouse** – A beloved barbecue destination featuring slow-smoked meats, Tenders Smokehouse will open its fifth location in Downtown Anna.

GTP Food Group, LLC is made up of a group of experienced business-minded men who are passionate about quality of product, customer service and making sure that every customer's experience is exceptional. All GTP team members have been in the restaurant business and operated successful operations for many years.

Regarding the project, the GTP Food Group noted, "We are extremely excited and honored to be a part of Anna's downtown development. As one of the first commercial developments in Downtown Anna, we are focused and motivated to make sure we not only outperform the City of Anna's expectations, but ours here at GTP as well."

### **About the City of Anna**

Anna, Texas, is among the fastest-growing cities in North Texas, with a population of nearly 30,000 and expected growth to 100,000 by 2050. Located in northern Collin County along U.S. Highway 75, State Highway 5, and State Highway 121, Anna is a vibrant and emerging city that offers its neighbors an excellent quality of life with easy access to the entire North Texas region. The combination of Anna's strategic location along the region's main thoroughfares and its proximity to Grayson County's rising tech hub positions it as an ideal location for retail and commercial establishments alongside diverse housing options. Neighbors in Anna enjoy recreational opportunities including parks, trails, open spaces, and more—along with a pace of living that offers a hometown feel in a thriving community.

To learn more about the City of Anna, visit [www.annatexas.gov](http://www.annatexas.gov). For development opportunities, visit the Anna Economic Development Corporation at [www.opportunityannatx.com](http://www.opportunityannatx.com).

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