

July 1, 2007

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To: Honorable Juan Salinas, III, Hidalgo County Judge  
From: Donald Lee, Executive Director

Re: **Invitation to Nominate Individuals to Serve on the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Administration Advisory Committee**

The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court is invited to nominate candidates for appointment to the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Administration Advisory Committee. The Texas Conference of Urban Counties is responsible for making new appointments for the new term.

Eligible to nominate candidates to the advisory committee are the 10 entities that received the third through 12<sup>th</sup> greatest distribution amounts from the tobacco settlement trust in 2006. Hidalgo County is one of these entities.

This is an important committee. The Department of State Health Services collects reports from counties and hospital districts that identify the unreimbursed health care expenditures of each entity. That data is used to apportion the distribution of tobacco settlement funds to each entity. The committee is responsible for writing the rules by which entities report expenditures, and annually reviews the results of audited expenditure statements. The Committee in essence determines what is and is not an eligible expenditure.

The Urban Counties have two criteria of paramount importance when looking to make these appointments:

1. An absolute commitment to attend all committee meetings. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet once annually and the Committee members will serve staggered six-year terms expiring on August 31 of each odd-numbered year.
2. Experience with the operations and finances of public hospitals, hospital districts and counties in regards to health care expenditures.

Additional information on the current Committee is attached.

Nominations must be received by July 31, 2007. Appointments will be made prior to August 15, 2007.

Please forward a copy of your nominating resolution to us prior to July 31, 2007.

Attachment:

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