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**COUNTY JUDGE**

Hidalgo County Commissioners Court  
Attention: Judge Juan Salinas III  
P.O. Box 1356  
Edinburg, Texas 78540

**Statement of Annual Dues for Hidalgo County**

**2006 Est. Population:** 700,634

Urban County dues are \$3,000 per county plus 2.2 cents per capita, as approved by Urban Counties members on 08/16/2007. The dues formula is the same as the previous year.

**2008 Urban Counties Dues:** \$18,414

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**Urban Counties Programs & Services**

**Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Program**

Represents the interests of urban counties in the Texas policymaking process. Among many other priorities, some IGR projects are:

- Promote legislation to improve the delivery of governmental services, make local government more effective, and reduce the overall cost of government;
- Maintain continuous dialogue with state officials regarding proposals to limit county revenue options and modify property taxes;
- Promote action to prevent prison overcrowding and jail backlogs;
- Opposition to unfunded mandates and restrictions on county authority;
- Promotion of fair funding for urban counties — based on population or number of clients, rather than equal funding per county;
- Legislative impact during the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session: 6,000 bills reviewed; 1,700 tracked and summarized; and over 100 directly impacted;
- The Policy Analysis Project Report – a weekly analysis of legislation, attorney general opinions and state agency rule changes;
- The Urban Counties Clippings Service - daily e-mails containing articles of interest to county officials from state and national newspapers; and
- Urban Counties Newsletters on county issues and state policy developments.

**Education Program**

Provides urban county officials with continuing education events, including:

- Urban Counties luncheons;
- Biennial Education Conference; and
- Critical Issues Workshops and Executive Roundtables.

**TechShare Program**

Develops collaborative technology projects and shared technology resources to save counties money. Projects include:

- Court Management System Software, saving ten counties over \$16 million in acquisition and implementation costs; and
- Case Management System for Juvenile Probation, saving three counties \$8 million in development costs.

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