



# Hidalgo County

## Precinct No. 2

HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

June 29, 2009

Leonel Vela  
Health & Human Services Commission  
Office of Border Affairs  
Harlingen Office  
601 West Sesame Drive  
Harlingen, Texas 78550

**And at**

McAllen Office  
4501 West Business Hwy. 83  
McAllen, Texas 78501

**Re: Computers at our Community Resource Centers**

Dear Mr. Vela:

Hidalgo County Pct. 2 is a political subdivision of local county government here in Hidalgo County, Texas. Within our precinct, we house two Community Resource Centers. These centers operate as an information hub as well as a public service outreach element to the surrounding communities. We house and are able to offer local government services such as WIC, Head Start, Hidalgo County Tax Office as well as community outreach programs that target self improvement or personal development.

The centers would benefit greatly from ANY technical hardware that your office may be considering to deem or assign as "surplus". Presently, both centers provide personal and group tutorials such as English as a Second Language (ESL), General Education Diploma (GED), and other self-improvement courses without the benefit of any technical support. Both centers are in need of the following:

- Computers (Pentium 4 or better) complete with monitors, speakers, accompanying software, keyboards, mouse, and wire connections.
  - 10 for San Juan CRC
  - 10 for Alamo CRC
- Laptops – as a substitute for computers listed hereinabove.
- Computer work centers/desks. (20)
  - Work centers or tables

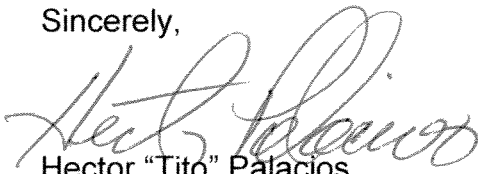
- Accompanying chairs
  - 10 for San Juan CRC
  - 10 for Alamo CRC

Both centers are in the process of designating a room or area for computer lab activities and other related functions. Since both centers serve an underprivileged area and underserved people, your assignment of these components would benefit the community significantly. We propose implementing an "afterschool study lab" or an "internet classroom" scenario in which children with economic burdens can truly appreciate direct access to a computer or to the world via the internet.

We are truly appreciative and await any communications with regards to your proposed allocation of surplus. At your leisure, I invite you and yours to become acquainted with our centers and their activities, objectives and prospective plans. You may reach me anytime at 956.221.4466 at your leisure.

Once again, I thank you.

Sincerely,



Hector "Tito" Palacios  
County Commissioner

***Cc: County Commissioners Court***