



**HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT**

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June 01, 2011

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Vice-Chairman

Agapito Vargas
Secretary/Treasurer

Re: Appointment/Re-appointment to Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

Dear Commissioner Palacios:

Heraclio Flores
Member

This letter is to inform you that Mr. Agapito Vargas' term to the Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District Board has expired. Mr. Vargas is currently serving as the Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District Secretary/Treasurer and his collaboration has been key for the development of the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study. Mr. Vargas has expressed interest in continuing to serve on this board. I, and the rest of the board members, hope you will consider his re-appointment.

Javier Pena
Member

Attached please find the portions of our bylaws that pertain to appointment and terms of board members. If you have any questions of if I may be of assistance please feel free to contact me at (956) 227-3623.

Sincerely,

Godfrey Garza, Chairman
Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District
GG/er

CC: Agapito Vargas, Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District

**BYLAWS OF THE
HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT
Sections 4-6 (Pertaining to Board)**

§ 4. Board

(a) The Board of the District shall be composed of five (5) members, appointed as follows:

The Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County shall appoint five (5) board members. The county judge appoints one member and each county commissioner appoints one member. Each member serves a term of four years. The board may provide for the staggering of terms of its members.

(b) Board members may be reappointed at the discretion of the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court.

(c) Each board member shall serve until his or her successor has been duly appointed and qualified or until his or her death, resignation, or removal from office in accordance with these bylaws.

(d) When the term of a board member expires, the vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by the appropriate governmental entity making the original appointment.

(e) Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, there is no limitation on the number of terms a board member may serve.

§ 5. Qualifications of Board Members

(a) All board members will have and maintain the qualifications set forth in this § 5 and any other Hidalgo County Commuter Rail District Rules.

(b) All appointments to the Board shall be made without regard to disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

(c) Each board member appointed by the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County must be a resident of the County at the time of their appointment.

(d) An elected official is not eligible to serve as a board member.

(e) A person is not eligible to serve as a board member or as the District's Executive Director if the person or the person's spouse:

(1) owns, is employed by or participates in the management of a business entity or other organization, other than a political subdivision, regulated by or that receives money from a local, state, or federal transportation entity.



§ 6. Vacancies

A vacancy on the Board shall be filled promptly by the county commissioner that made the appointment that falls vacant. Each board member appointed to a vacant position shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the board member's predecessor in that position.