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Hidalgo County Commissioners Court
Attention: Judge Ramon Garcia
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Statement of Annual Dues for Hidalgo County

2010 Population: 774,769

Urban County dues are \$3,000 per county plus 2.2 cents per capita, as approved by Urban Counties members on 05/18/2011. The dues formula is the same as the previous year.

2012 Urban Counties Dues: \$20,045

Please make checks payable to Texas Conference of Urban Counties and mail to:
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500 West 13th Street
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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;
- Monitor and interact on behalf of counties in state agency policy changes;
- Legislative impact during the 82nd Legislative Sessions: 6,003 bills reviewed, 2,246 tracked and summarized, and over 150 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 emails 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 fourteen counties over \$32.7 million in acquisition and implementation costs;
- Case Management System for Juvenile Probation, saving three counties \$6 million in development costs; and
- Adult Case Management System - planning the future of criminal justice systems for Texas counties.