

115 E. Travis, Suite 1024
San Antonio, Texas 78205
210-222-2102 Office
210-222-2898 Fax
rios@world-net.net

**Law Offices of
Rolando L. Rios**

MEMO

To: Imma Saenz, Hidalgo County
Judges Office

From: Rolando L. Rios

Fax: 210-222-2898

Pages:2

Phone: 210-222-2102

Date: April 4, 2013

4/4/2013

Re: April 10, 2012 Meeting with Census CC: Hidalgo County
Director in Washington DC Judges Staff

PURPOSE: The meeting in Washington DC will be directed at obtaining answers from the Director of the United States Census Bureau on the census undercount in Hidalgo County. The undercount misses population in Hidalgo County and results in the loss of tens of millions of federal dollars to the county. Funding for federal programs such as Medicaid are based on Census data.

The purpose of the meeting is to seek an adjustment to the 2010 US Census and to insure that the Census Bureau takes steps to make sure the undercount does not occur in the future.

The April 10, 2013 meeting is being coordinated by Congressman Cuellar's office and will include:

1. Congressman Henry Cuellar
2. Congressman Ruben Hinojosa
3. Congressman Filemon Vela Jr.
4. Hon. Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge (not confirmed)
5. Hon. A.C. Cuellar, County Commissioner Pct 1
6. Hon. Joseph Palacios, County Commissioner Pct. 4 (not confirmed)
7. Hidalgo Staff: Rick Alvarez and Mariano Manzano (GIS)
8. Director of the United State Census Bureau
9. Staff from the Census Bureau in charge of census adjustment program

TENTATIVE AGENDA IS ATTACHED

**Rolando L. Rios
Jose Garza
Attorneys at Law
Legal Team for Hidalgo County**

DRAFT

MEETING WITH CENSUS OFFICIALS – AGENDA - APRIL 10, 2013

1. Undercount consequences:
 - a. Loss of federal funds between 2002 and 2012 (PriceWaterhouseCoopers Study):
 - i. Hidalgo County over **\$71 million** in federal funds were lost in Hidalgo, Cameron and Starr Counties alone
 - ii. Programs impacted: **Medicaid, Foster Care, Rehabilitation Services Basic Support, Child Care and Development Block Grant, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Adoption Assistance, Vocational Education Basic Grants and Social Services Block Grants.**

2. Smoking gun of what we discovered – what Hidalgo County has done:
 - a. Pictures of roof tops compared with Census Block population numbers
 - i. Exhibit 1 – picture Blk 2085 Track 0242.03
 - ii. Exhibit 2 – picture Blk 1058 Track 0242.03
 - iii. Exhibit 3 – picture Blk (insert)
 - iv. First Ten Blocks: Loss of over \$6Million
 - v. Exhibit 4 – Extensive documents submitted under the count Question Resolution Program (CQRP).
 - vi. Hidalgo County has spent considerable resources documenting what we are convinced were missed addresses. **Hidalgo County deserves an adequate response**

3. The CQRP Program:
 - a. Recent results: Adjustments granted not related to population numbers.