

As the newly elected Hidalgo County District Attorney, I fully support the efforts of the Hidalgo County Constable Pct. 4 and Uniting Neighbors In Drug Abuse Defense (UNIDAD) Coalition in working toward reducing prescription drug abuse in Hidalgo County. I further recognize the value of the cooperation with the pharmaceutical drug disposal program that provides safe and efficient means for the collection and proper disposal of pharmaceutical drugs no longer needed by the public.

I understand the intent of the CVS Operation Medicine Drop Permanent Collection Box Program is to provide citizens a convenient method to properly remove unneeded medications from their homes, thereby reducing access and any accidental misuse of prescription medications, as well as, providing a safe alternative to disposing of medications preventing improper disposal in the community landfill and/or sewer system.

I further understand that the Hidalgo County Constable Pct. 4 will utilize a steel mailbox style collection box in which the citizens may deposit unused pharmaceutical medication. The box will be secured to the floor in the first foyer area of the Hidalgo County Constable Pct. 4 located at 2814 S Bus. Highway 281, Edinburg, TX. This area is and shall be monitored twenty-four hour a day by the Hidalgo County Constable Pct. 4 personnel. I support the Hidalgo County Constable Pct. 4 taking responsibility for the collection and destruction of all pharmaceutical drugs placed in the collection box. Furthermore, I commend the members of the UNIDAD Coalition for collaborating with the Hidalgo County Constable Pct. 4 and other law enforcement agencies to combat prescription drug abuse.

Sincerely,

Ricardo P. Rodriguez, Jr.