

**HIDALGO COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD  
ETHICAL STANDARDS AFFIDAVIT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a voting Member of the Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board representing, **City of** \_\_\_\_\_, hereby swear and affirm that I will uphold the following ethical standards required by voting members of MPO Policy Boards as identified in Texas Senate Bill 585. These standards state that voting members of the MPO Policy Board are prohibited from engaging in the following: 1.) Accepting or soliciting any gift, favor or service that might reasonably tend to influence the voting member in the discharge of official duties or that the voting member knows or should know is being offered with the intent to influence the voting member's official conduct; 2.) Accepting employment or engaging in a business or professional activity that the voting member might reasonably expect would require or induce the voting member to disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the official position; 3.) Accepting employment or compensation that could reasonably be expected to impair the voting member's judgment in the performance of the voting member's official duties; 4.) Making personal investments that could reasonably be expected to create a substantial conflict between the voting member's private interest and the public interest; 5.) Intentionally or knowingly solicit, accept or agree to accept any benefit for having exercised the voting member's official powers or performing the voting member's official duties in favor of another.

I further swear and affirm that in order to prevent a potential conflict of interest, that I will abstain from voting in or engaging in the discussion of any matter of business before the Hidalgo County MPO Policy Board that will have a special economic effect on either a business or real property of which I have a substantial interest that is distinguishable from the effect on the public.

I understand that a substantial interest is defined as either 1.) I own 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity or either 10 percent or more or \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of the business entity; or 2.) I have received funds from the business entity exceeding 10 percent of my gross income for the previous year; or 3.) I have a substantial interest in real property defined as an equitable or legal ownership with a fair market value of \$2,500 or more; or 4.) I have a family member related to me in the first degree by consanguinity or affinity with a substantial interest in a business entity or real property as defined above.

I agree to notify the MPO Director in writing of any conflict of interest as defined above prior to any vote or discussion of any matter of business which has created the conflict of interest.

I understand that any violation of these standards or requirements may subject me to removal from the MPO Policy Board and possible prosecution by the Hidalgo County District Attorney.

I further understand that SB 585 requires me to notify the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office and MPO Policy Board in a timely manner should I have personal knowledge of any violations of these same standards by other voting members of the Hidalgo County MPO Policy Board or of the Hidalgo County MPO Staff.

I also understand that failure to report violations of these standards by other voting members of the Hidalgo County MPO Policy Board or of the Hidalgo County staff subjects me to possible removal from the MPO Policy Board and possible prosecution by the Hidalgo County District Attorney.

I hereby swear and affirm that I have read the entire affidavit and that I understand and agree to its contents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Affiant Signature

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Position

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Representing

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Notary Public, State of Texas  
Notary's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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