

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SB 4

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2017, the Texas Legislature approved Senate Bill 4, and Governor Greg Abbott Signed SB 4 into Law on May 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 4 goes into effect on September 1, 2017 and requires local authorities to assist in federal immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, cultivating a relationship of open communication, trust, and respect between the community and all levels of government is essential for the wellbeing and sustainability of a community; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 4 will create a negative perception of government entities, incite fear in our community, and inhibit fruitful relationships between constituents and the county from developing; and

WHEREAS, this legislation could prevent victims and witnesses from reporting crimes to and cooperating with local law enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, no Hidalgo County residents should be subjected to the fear generated by Senate Bill 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hidalgo County Commissioners Court expresses its opposition to Senate Bill 4.

Approved this 22th day of August 2017.

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk