

# HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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Pablo "Paul" Villarreal, Jr.	Member

November 21, 2017

Honorable County Judge  
Mr. Ramon Garcia  
PO BOX 1356  
Edinburg, TX 78540-1356

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COUNTY JUDGE

Ref: Election Board of Directors 2018-2019

Dear Honorable Judge Garcia:

Our records indicate that you have not yet submitted your resolution casting votes for Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2018-2019. The deadline to submit a resolution to our office is December 15, 2017 and fast approaching.

Once all timely resolutions have been received, the votes will be counted and winners of the election will be declared and be notified in writing by December 29, 2017.

Should you have any questions or need any guidance in this process please do not hesitate to contact me at (956) 381-8466.

Sincerely,

*Rolando Garza*

Rolando Garza, RPA  
Chief Appraiser

RG:pa

\*Note: If you have already submitted your resolution, please disregard this letter.

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October 20, 2017

Honorable County Judge  
Mr. Ramon Garcia  
PO Box 1356  
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OCT 24 2017

COUNTY JUDGE

Re: Election Ballot 2018-2019 Appraisal District Board of Directors

Dear Honorable Judge Garcia:

As prescribed by Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code enclosed you will find the "Official Ballot" with the candidate's names and the number of votes that you are authorized to cast in the election for Board of Directors for the Hidalgo County Appraisal District. In addition, for your review, I have provided a condensed biography of each candidate that provided such, and a list of the total vote distribution for all entities.

There are five Board of Directors, who are elected by the taxing units that participate in the District which governs Hidalgo County Appraisal District. In addition to the five elected Board of Directors, the County Tax Assessor-Collector, Mr. Pablo "Paul" Villarreal Jr. serves on the Board as a non-voting Director.

The governing body of a taxing unit may cast all its votes for one candidate or distribute them among any number of candidates. Each voting unit shall determine its vote by written resolution and submit it to the Chief Appraiser before DECEMBER 15, 2017. A voting unit can only cast its votes for candidates named on the ballot. There is no provision for write-in candidates. The Chief Appraiser will not count votes cast for someone not listed on the official ballot.

The Chief Appraiser will count all the votes timely submitted and declare the five candidates who received the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before DECEMBER 29, 2017 to the governing body of each taxing unit in the district and to the candidates.

If you should have any questions, or I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (956) 381-8466.

Sincerely,

*Rolando Garza*

Rolando Garza, RPA  
Chief Appraiser

RG: pma

Enclosures

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

WHEREAS, the Chief Appraiser of Hidalgo County Appraisal District has called for the election of the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo is entitled to cast a total of (Number of Votes) in said election; and

WHEREAS, ballots must be returned by December 15, 20 (year) which is the deadline for accepting votes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Hidalgo does hereby cast (Number of Votes) of votes for (Name of Candidate) for Hidalgo County Appraisal Board of Directors for 2018-2019.

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting by the County of Hidalgo on this the (day) of (month), 2017.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramon **Garza**, County Judge

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

2018-2019  
VOTING ENTITLEMENT  
HCAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

	2016 Tax Levied	2016 Total Levy	2016 Percent	Votes	2018-2019 Directorships	2018-2019 Official Votes
<b>Entity</b>						
Hidalgo County	\$ 189,038,466	\$ 783,274,067	24.134%	241	5	1205
<b>Cities</b>						
Alamo	\$ 3,253,269	\$ 783,274,067	0.415%	4	5	20
Alton	\$ 1,714,003	\$ 783,274,067	0.219%	2	5	10
Donna	\$ 4,815,163	\$ 783,274,067	0.615%	6	5	30
Edcouch	\$ 474,075	\$ 783,274,067	0.061%	1	5	5
Edinburg	\$ 25,928,488	\$ 783,274,067	3.310%	33	5	165
Elsa	\$ 1,474,408	\$ 783,274,067	0.188%	2	5	10
Granjeno	\$ 18,758	\$ 783,274,067	0.002%	1	5	5
Hidalgo	\$ 2,063,115	\$ 783,274,067	0.263%	3	5	15
La Joya	\$ 720,201	\$ 783,274,067	0.092%	1	5	5
La Villa	\$ 444,776	\$ 783,274,067	0.057%	2	5	10
McAllen	\$ 42,519,989	\$ 783,274,067	5.428%	54	5	270
Mercedes	\$ 4,066,335	\$ 783,274,067	0.519%	5	5	25
Mission	\$ 20,104,913	\$ 783,274,067	2.567%	26	5	130
Palmview	\$ 2,021,047	\$ 783,274,067	0.258%	3	5	15
Penitas	\$ 1,054,274	\$ 783,274,067	0.135%	1	5	5
Progreso	\$ 603,160	\$ 783,274,067	0.077%	1	5	5
Pharr	\$ 17,456,074	\$ 783,274,067	2.229%	22	5	110
San Juan	\$ 6,638,278	\$ 783,274,067	0.848%	8	5	40
Sullivan City	\$ 410,132	\$ 783,274,067	0.052%	2	5	10
Weslaco	\$ 11,478,848	\$ 783,274,067	1.465%	15	5	75
<b>Schools</b>						
Donna	\$ 15,236,606	\$ 783,274,067	1.945%	19	5	95
Edcouch-Elsa	\$ 3,853,840	\$ 783,274,067	0.492%	5	5	25
Edinburg	\$ 69,661,093	\$ 783,274,067	8.894%	89	5	445
Hidalgo	\$ 7,144,768	\$ 783,274,067	0.912%	9	5	45
La Joya	\$ 29,094,600	\$ 783,274,067	3.714%	37	5	185
La Villa	\$ 1,313,459	\$ 783,274,067	0.168%	2	5	10
Lyford	\$ 123,381	\$ 783,274,067	0.016%	1	5	5
McAllen	\$ 78,984,670	\$ 783,274,067	10.084%	101	5	505
Mercedes	\$ 6,608,633	\$ 783,274,067	0.844%	8	5	40
Mission	\$ 25,801,875	\$ 783,274,067	3.294%	33	5	165
Monte Alto	\$ 1,223,325	\$ 783,274,067	0.156%	2	5	10
PSJA	\$ 56,528,231	\$ 783,274,067	7.217%	72	5	360
Progreso	\$ 2,072,937	\$ 783,274,067	0.265%	3	5	15
Sharyland	\$ 41,769,062	\$ 783,274,067	5.333%	53	5	265
So Tx College	\$ 59,701,218	\$ 783,274,067	7.622%	76	5	380
South Texas ISD	\$ 16,452,859	\$ 783,274,067	2.101%	21	5	105
Valley View	\$ 7,042,210	\$ 783,274,067	0.899%	9	5	45
Weslaco	\$ 24,363,529	\$ 783,274,067	3.110%	31	5	155
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 783,274,067		100.000%	1004		5020

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<p><b>Hidalgo County Appraisal District</b>                  4405 S. Professional Drive                  PO Box 208                  Edinburg, TX 78540-0208</p> <p><b>"OFFICIAL BALLOT"</b></p> <p><b>Election of 2018-2019</b>  <b>Appraisal District Board of Directors</b></p>	
<b>Entity: Hidalgo County</b>	<b>Authorized Votes: 1205</b>
<b>Nominee</b>	<b># Of Votes</b>
Mike Alaniz	
Alex Ballesteros	
Albert D. Cardenas	
Carlos Garcia	
Pete Garcia	
David Garza	
Jaime Garza	
Richard A. Garza	
David Hernandez	
Mary A. Palacios	
Jason Pena	
Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez	
Amador Requenez	
David Simmons	
Tom Wingate	

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Resolution Passed  
 (Attach Resolution)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized Representative

cc: Finance Director of each entity



**Mike Alaniz**  
**La Joya**



1981 Graduate of La Joya High School

1989 University of Texas Pan American Social Bachelor's Degree in 1989-UT Pan American

Worked with LA Joya Independent School District from 1994 to 1999 at Chavez Middle School as a Math Teacher

Currently working with the City of LA Joya as City Administrator My responsibilities are overseeing the Finances, Personnel, Short and Long Range Panning of all Departments ad Posses Good Public Relations and Communications

Currently an Alternate from 2010 to present for the City of LA Joy

Married to Norma Linda Alaniz

Proud father to three (3) sons: Joshua Christopher Alaniz, Michael Daven Alaniz and Stepson Dagoberto Rodriguez, Jr. Three (3) Daughters, Katrina Michelle Alaniz, Cristina Daniel Alaniz and Stepdaughter Dayna Trevino. Five (5) Grandsons and Two (2) Granddaughters

**Alejandro Ballesteros  
McAllen**



*Attorney at Law  
Hidalgo County, Texas*

Over the past eleven years, Alejandro has been successfully practicing as an attorney and has established important relationships with Hidalgo County residents. His current business activities include being the President of Ballesteros Gonzalez Law Firm PLLC and Legal Counsel for several local corporations. He is a board member for the nonprofit organization supporting Autism named Bebo's Angels.

As a Finance/Risk Management major from St. Mary's University - Bill Greenhey School of Business, Alejandro has managed wholesale auto sales, nonprofit organizations and taken on assistant role at Merrill Lynch.

Alejandro is a proud resident of Hidalgo County, Texas. He has kept the community's interest in mind by making himself readily available to residents who are in need of legal representation. He is married to Susanna Alexander from Laredo and they have four children. Alejandro and his family are members of the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. He is a firm believer in justice, communal values, and respect for one another.

**Education:**

Bachelor's Degree in Business and Corporate Finance/Risk Management from St. Mary's University- Bill Greenhey School of Business, December 2001.

Juris Doctor from St. May's University School of Law, May 2005.

**Awards and recognitions:**

Pro Bono Achievement Award, St. Mary's University School of Law

**Albert Cardenas  
McAllen**



Current Board member of McAllen Public Utility Board

Current member Boys & Girls Club

Vice-President Easton Construction, dealing mainly with commercial projects with offices in McAllen and San Antonio

Served 6 years on the McAllen Planning & Zoning Board

Board Member Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2014-Current

**Carlos Garcia**

**No Bio or Photo Provided**

**Pete Garcia**  
**San Juan**



San Juan EDC Boar, 2015 Member

Region ESL Member

Head Start Advisory Member 2013-2015

San Juan Housing Authority Member 2015

PSJA School Board Member 2004-2013

Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors Board Member 2009-2013

**David Garza**

**No Bio or Photo Provided**

**Jaime Garza**

**No Bio or Photo Provided**

**Richard A. Garza  
Edinburg**



Hidalgo County Appraisal District is responsible for appraisal all real and business personal property within Hidalgo County. The district appraises property according to the Texas Property Tax Code and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal practices (USPAP).

Lifelong Resident of Rio Grande Valley

Received Real Estate License at age 18

BBA in Finance, Pan American University

Real Estate Broker, BIC Realty for over 35 years

President of BIC Investment, GR Land Co., GarCo Ltd., BIC Development Co., Gold Star Holdings, Ice House Ranches, GR Inverciones & Anacahuillas Investment Co.

Chairman of Cuartitos.com, a cargo shipping container leasing co.

Longtime member of McAllen Board of Realtors & Edinburg Board of Realtors

Texas Association of Realtors since 1977

Past Zoning Commissioner McAllen Planning & Zoning Board

Past Vice-President of Finance Discovery Montessori School Board

Plazas Del Lago HOA Finance Director

Chairman, Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors 1991 to Present

**Richard A. Garza**

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Boy Scouts of America – Troup Leader

Current Director, Texas Land Developers Association

Member of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International

Previous Member Edinburg Hospital Authority Board of Directors

Member of The Las Villas at South Padre Island Board of Directors

Member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Previous Director of Edinburg Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Current Member of Edinburg Chamber of Commerce

Current Member of McAllen Chamber of Commerce

Current Member of McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Married to Sylvia Sanchez Garza for 17 years with four sons

**David Hernandez  
Weslaco**



President/Owner & Operator of Holiday Wine & Liquors

Partner/Owner Pop-A-Top, Harlingen

Owner of Hernandez Farms, OCT Distributing

Vice-Chairman, Hidalgo County Appraisal Board of Directors 2006 to Present

Served 6 years as Director Weslaco Economic Corporation

Served 7 years as Director Weslaco Economic Corporation

Served 25 years and continue to serve on Weslaco Planning & Zoning Commission

Current Chairman on Weslaco Planning Weslaco Planning & Zoning Commission

Former Weslaco ISD Board Member

Former McAllen Boys & Girls Club Member

Former Palm Valley Animal Shelter Board Member

Member McAllen Chamber of Commerce

Member Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Member Weslaco Chamber of Commerce

Member Rio Grande Valley Partnership

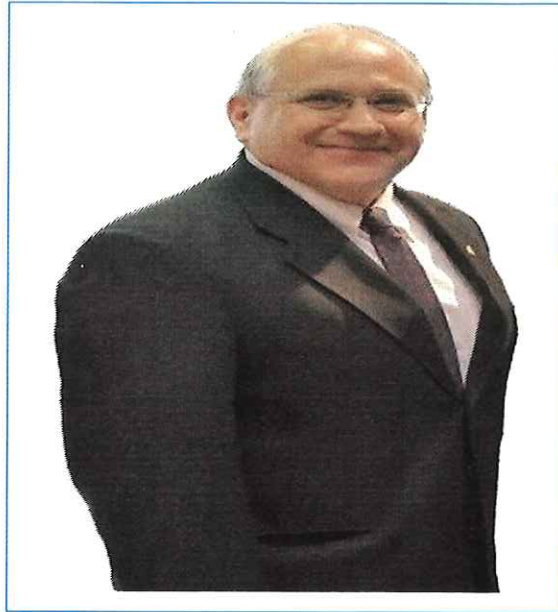
**Mary A. Palacios**

**No Bio or Photo Provided**

**Jason Pena**

**No Bio or Photo Provided**

## **Rudy Ramirez Edinburg**



Mr. Rodolfo “Rudy” Ramirez is the Executive Director for the Edinburg Housing Authority (EHA), the public housing agency for the city of Edinburg, mandated and funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As the EHA Executive Director since 2011, he is responsible for the administration of more than 1,336 low income housing units (423 public housing units and 913 Housing Choice Voucher units, as of December 01, 2016,) in Edinburg. EHA has maintained their High-Performance Status by HUD since Mr. Ramirez took office. Ramirez has been involved in the community all his life, serving as a Commissioner with EHA from 1991 to 2011 and as a School Board trustee for ECISD from 1999 to 2005.

Mr. Ramirez believes in living a self-sufficient life and the way to do that is by pursuing a higher education. His understanding has led him to build partnerships with the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Establishing relationships with different academic leaders and colleges have exposed and expanded the doors of opportunity for EHA residents. His dedication has allowed EHA for the first time ever to partner and work with the College of Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Affairs, Education and P-16 Integration, Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship and Graduate College.

## **Rudy Ramirez**

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His experience details a dynamic leader with a proven track record in organizational change, program integrity, operational effectiveness, transparency and amalgamating federal, state and local resources. As an Executive Director, he acts as liaison between the governing bodies, the client population and general public besides supervising daily operations. He also works closely with and provides professional advice to governing bodies and staff to effectively implement a variety of housing programs and ensure their compliance with mandated standards.

He comes from a strong real estate and education background. He served in a number of roles prior to his work as an Executive Director. He owned and ran a successful real estate business in the past. He is also a licensed Real Estate Broker and has taught continuing education real estate classes at South Texas College. Besides being a realtor, he also taught for the Edinburg school district at Sam Houston Elementary and San Carlos elementary between 1987 and 1993.

Mr. Ramirez is also now serving as the President for Housing Alliance of Valley Employees South Texas Region (H.A.V.E. S.T.R.) his term began January 2017. H.A.V.E. S.T.R. is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals who administer housing and community development in the South Texas Region. Mr. Rodolfo 'Rudy' Ramirez has been awarded the 'Texas NAHRO Executive Director of the Year award by National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials for the last three consecutive years.

Ramirez is currently pursuing his Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley and is expected to graduate in 2018. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University Texas- Pan American since 1987.

Mr. Ramirez was born and raised in Edinburg, TX, is married to Pamela Ramirez, and they have four children - Rudy Jr., Pete, Ida Marie, and Ivy May Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez is a firm believer of the motto: "Change starts with us."

**Amador Requenez  
Mission**



Owner & operator of Valley Welding Steel & Steel Fabrication in Mission since 1970  
Owner & Operator of Valley Crane Service since 1970  
Member of the (AGC) Associated General Contractors of America for 43 years  
Member of Mission Chamber of Commerce for 20 and Director for 4 years  
Member of Mission Rotary for 20 years  
Served on Board of Hidalgo County Water District #6  
Served on the Hidalgo PIC (Private Industry Council)  
Served on Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors from 1992 to 2009  
Current Secretary Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2012 to Present

**David Simmons  
Donna**



Has married to Dolores Solis Simmons for the past 37 years. We have two sons, Justin David Simmons and Brandon Stuart Simmons. My wife and I currently reside at 1503 Hunt Avenue, Donna, Texas.

I was born in Edinburg, Texas to Charles William Simmons and Lydia Tagle Simmons. I am the youngest of eight children. I graduated from Shaw High School in Cleveland, Ohio and attended Ohio University in Athens Ohio. I returned to the Rio Grande Valley in 1976. I Attended Texas A&M Firemen Training School and received certification as a firefighter in various areas. I also was invited to attend the U.S. Border Patrol Citizen's Academy.

I worked for the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District and Brownsville Independent School District in the tax department as a tax appraiser. I also worked for Hidalgo County Tax Office and Trans America Title Company. I also served in the capacity as Tax Assessor Collector for the Donna Independent School District for many years until the tax office was closed in 2009.

I held a Registered Texas Assessor / Collector and Registered by the State of Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation till the school district tax office close in 2009. I am still employed and have 30 years of service with Donna Independent School District as a Director with Custodial Support Services.

Also, I served as Mayor for the City of Donna. I held that position since June, 2008 till October 2014. I have served as the Fire Chief for the Donna Volunteer Fire Department since 1991 and still hold that position as of today.

**David Simmons**  
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I have received various awards from my community for Bravery Beyond the Call of Duty, Heroism, Leadership, Professionalism, Outstanding Service, and the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame.

I also serve on various committees:

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, Board of Directors  
Texas Association of Assessing Officers  
South Texas Association of School Maintenance Officials  
Region One Education Service Center Officials for Safe Schools/School Health and Security Audits  
Texas Fire Chiefs Association  
Rio Grande Valley Firefighters & Fire Marshals Association  
State of Texas Emergency Management  
Texas Safe Schools Alliance  
NIMS Certification through Emergency Management Institute, Emmetsburg, MD

**Tom Wingate  
McAllen**



**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Birthplace: Pleasanton, Texas (Seventh Generation Texan)

Residence: McAllen and Mission since 1978.

Marital Status: Married in August, 1970, Pamela J. Wingate, retired McAllen ISD public school teacher/librarian; two sons, T.J. and James, both McAllen attorneys; one daughter Marissa.

Business Address: 7000 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite C5, McAllen, Texas 78504

**EDUCATION**

Attended elementary schools in San Antonio and graduated from South San Antonio High School in 1967

St. Mary's University, B.B.A., 1971

University of Texas School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1974

National College of District Attorneys, Career Prosecutor Graduate, 1976

**Tom Wingate**  
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**BAR/LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Supreme Court of Texas  
Supreme Court of the United States  
U.S. Court of Military Appeals  
Life Fellow – Texas Bar Foundation  
Texas College of Real Estate Attorneys

**LEGAL SPECIALIZATION**

Board Certified Specialist in Commercial and Residential Real Estate Law by the State Bar of Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 1983, and renewed in 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013.

**LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

1974-Present Practicing attorney.

2007-2008 Judge, 430<sup>th</sup> District Court, Hidalgo County, Texas (appointed by Governor Perry to new court)

Nov. 1991- President and legal counsel of Security Land Title Co., real estate title company,  
2002 practicing attorney.

**TEXAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION:**

Present Licensed Texas Real Estate Broker

**BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

2012-Present Principal in Adelante Group LTD, Tex Title I, LLC, PW Properties, LLC, and various business ventures.

1992-2005 Originated Security Land Title Company in Hidalgo County, Texas. Served as President and Chairman.

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

- 1978-1999 Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Reserves (Retired)
- 1987 Graduate, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College
- 1971-1978 Captain, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps. active duty.

**CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

- 2014-Present Member, Texas Board of Criminal Justice (oversees all Texas prisons)
- 2003-2004 President, Sharyland ISD Education Foundation
- 2002-2003 Chairman of the Board, McAllen Chamber of Commerce
- 1999-2001 Chairman, Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Board (Workforce Solutions)
- 1998-2007 Member, Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Board (Workforce Solutions)
- 1992-1994 Chairman of Deacons, Calvary Baptist Church, McAllen, Texas
- 1978-Present Member, Calvary Baptist Church, McAllen, Texas
- 1986-1999 Ten year Member, Sharyland ISD Board of Trustees (served two terms as President)
- 1985 Initial incorporator and first president of McAllen United, a non-partisan good government organization
- 1984 President of McAllen South Rotary Club
- 1983 Chairman, McAllen United Way Fund Drive
- 1982 Graduate of first Leadership McAllen class
- 1982 Past Recipient of the Outstanding Young Man of McAllen Award – McAllen Chamber of Commerce