

4138 Crosspoint Blvd. Edinburg, Texas 78539  
(956) 213-9400

**STATEMENT**

To: Honorable Ramon Garcia  
Hidalgo County Judge  
County of Hidalgo  
P.O. Box 1356  
Edinburg, Texas 78540

Date: October 1, 2017

Description	Amount
Membership Dues:	
For Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018	\$5,000.00
8-1100-444-00-125-018-0-810	
<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>



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**VICTOR LEAL**  
City Commissioner, Harlingen  
Secretary  
**NORIE GARZA**  
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Treasurer  
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Representative, Cameron County  
Senior Member

October 1, 2017

Honorable Ramon Garcia  
County Of Hidalgo  
P.O. Box 1356  
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Honorable Judge Garcia:

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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Commissioner, Mercedes  
**RICHARD GARCIA**  
Mayor, Edinburg  
**BEN NEECE**  
Commissioner, Brownsville  
**SONIA FALCON**  
Finance / Banking

Attached is our agency's County of Hidalgo membership dues statement for Fiscal Years 2017-2018.

Your membership dues assist us in meeting our local cash match requirements for our Senior Nutrition and Transportation Projects' federal/state grants. These funds are used to expand such Projects' services to seniors in your County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

We continue to count on your valuable assistance to seniors through our agency and are very grateful for your long-standing commitment and participation in our agency's Projects' services and activities.

If you have any questions, please call me at your convenience at (956) 213-9400, Extension 3202.

Sincerely,

Alejandro Guerra  
Executive Director

**ALEJANDRO GUERRA**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**"Providing 43 Years of Service"**  
1974 - 2017



**National Association of Counties**  
**PO Box 79007**  
**Baltimore, MD 21279-0007**  
Phone: 888.407.NACo (6226) x291  
Direct: 202.942.4291  
Fax: 866.467.1825  
EIN# 53-0190321

ID: 48215

Hon. Ramon Garcia  
Judge  
Hidalgo County  
100 E Cano St., Fl 2  
County Judge  
Edinburg, TX 78539-4533

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**Invoice**

Invoice #: 201072  
Invoice Date: 9/11/2017

**Dues Amount**

**Description**

**County Membership Dues**

01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018

\$11,983

NACo knows you have a difficult job. Counties are continually asked to do more with less. Federal budget cuts, unfunded mandates and unnecessary regulations make your job harder. But you aren't working on this alone, NACo is here to help.

Spend a moment looking at the enclosed benefits of NACo membership. Membership in NACo connects you with an important support network to help you excel in county government. Thank you so much for your continued NACo membership!

If you need additional information, please contact Alex Koroknay-Palicz, Membership Coordinator, at 1-888-407-NACo (6226) x291 or e-mail [akpalicz@naco.org](mailto:akpalicz@naco.org).

Amount Paid: \$0

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**Amount Due: \$11,983**

◆ PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT ◆

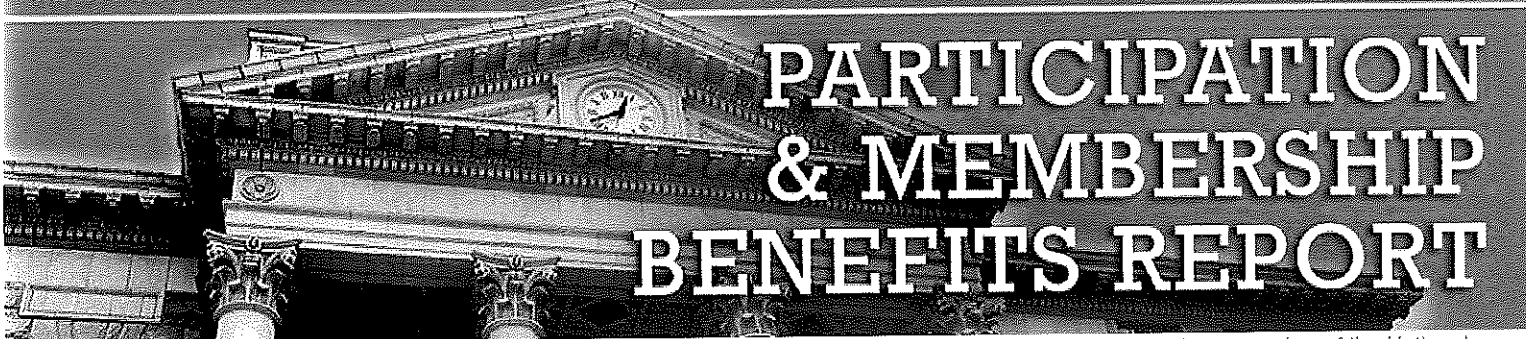
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**Remit Payment To:**  
National Association of Counties  
PO Box 79007  
Baltimore, MD 21279-0007

**Select the Method of Payment on Reverse Side**

We encourage you to submit payments electronically by ACH credit  
Bank Routing# (ABA) - 021052053 Account # 93404817



# PARTICIPATION & MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS REPORT

This report provides a detailed summary of services and dollars Hidalgo County has received as a direct benefit from being a member of the National Association of Counties.

## MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

NACo Member County  
Member Dues: \$11,983

Hidalgo County, TX  
100 N Closner Blvd  
County Courthouse  
Edinburg, TX 78539-3523  
<http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/>



## FEDERAL FUNDING RESULTS OF NACo'S ADVOCACY

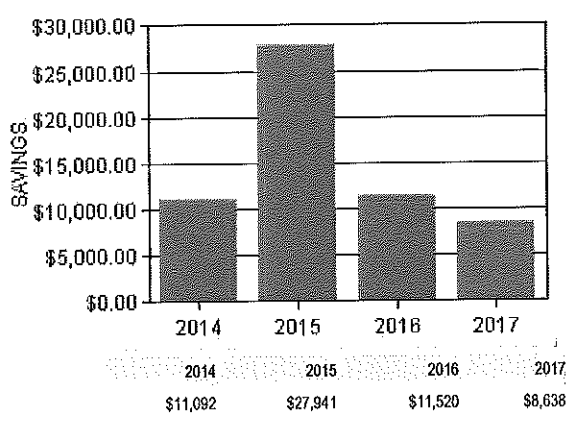
At the federal level, NACo works to increase, maintain, or create funding for programs that benefit county governments and their residents. It is important to note that these programs listed here represent the types of programs on which NACo lobbies. This is not the complete list of all the federal funds counties receive, but a sample of specific federal programs through which counties receive funding as a result of NACo's lobbying efforts.



Year	PILT	SCAAP	CDBG	HOME	SRS	USDA RD
2017		TBD	\$7,153,530	\$1,588,893	TBD	TBD
2016		\$13,375	\$7,226,312	\$1,647,461		\$241,064
2015		\$34,934	\$7,313,254	\$1,550,040		\$31,094,250
2014		\$27,922	\$7,581,120	\$1,700,924		\$1,180,341

## MONEY SAVING PROGRAMS

US Communities Estimated Annual Savings



**\$62,073** Estimated savings since 2013 by using US Communities



**eConnectDirect** eConnectDirect Participant

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Started in 1970, the annual Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Each application is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received. For more information, please visit [www.naco.org/achievementawards](http://www.naco.org/achievementawards).

Hidalgo County is not participating in NACo's Award Program.

## EDUCATION, TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Events and conferences attended by individuals in Hidalgo County. The savings figures indicate reduced rates for member counties over the prices for non-member counties to participate. Other events are only open to member counties or are free to attend so there is no non-member rate. In all cases, the true value of the networking, education and professional development far exceeds the savings.

Conference / Event	Total Attendees	Member Savings
2017 NACo Legislative Conference	4	\$900
2017 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition	1	\$225
2016 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition	2	\$450
2015 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition	2	\$450
2014 NACo Annual Conference: County Solutions and Ideas Marketplace	5	\$1,125

Total Saved: \$3,150

Year	Webinar	Attendees
2014	Leadership Series: Recruiting & Maintaining Top Talent	1
2014	The Road Ahead: County Transportation Funding and Financing	1

## BOARDS & COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

Hidalgo County is not participating in NACo's committees. Learn more by visiting [www.naco.org/committees](http://www.naco.org/committees).

## PUBLICATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS



NACo is happy to provide member counties with these free newsletters to keep you up to date on issues affecting counties across the country. Our acclaimed publication, County News, typically costs \$50/subscription for non-member counties, but you get the subscriptions for FREE as a member. The subscription saving figure is the money Hidalgo County saved by being a member county.

Subscription	Subscription Saving
21 County News subscriptions	21 @ \$50ea = \$ 1,050
29 County News Online subscriptions	



# Invoice

Date	Number
10/1/2017	9210

<b>Bill To</b>
Hidalgo County Honorable Ramon Garcia County Judge 100 East Cano, Suite 201 Edinburg, TX 78539

**Texas Conference of Urban Counties**  
500 W. 13th. St.  
Austin, Texas 78701

<b>CC:</b>
Ray Eufrazio County Auditor Hidalgo County 100 East Cano, Suite 201 Edinburg, TX 785539

<b>Terms</b>
30 days

Description	Amount
Urban Counties FY2018 Membership Dues	21,697.00
<p><b>RECEIVED</b></p> <p>DEC 19 2017</p> <p>COUNTY JUDGE</p>	
<b>Current Invoice Total</b>	<b>\$21,697.00</b>

Account Notes

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<u>Preferred payment by Wire or ACH direct to:</u> Texas Conference of Urban Counties JPMorgan Chase Bank Routing #: 111000614 Account #: 88000071316	<u>Alternatively please make all checks payable to:</u> Texas Conference of Urban Counties 500 W. 13th Street Austin, Texas 78701
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<b>EIN#</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>Fax #</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Web Site</b>
74-3019904	512/476-6174	512/476-5122	Accounts.Receivable@cuc.org	http://www.cuc.org



January 11, 2018

Hidalgo County  
Honorable Ramon Garcia  
100 E Cano St Flr 2  
Edinburg, TX 78539



Dear Judge Garcia,

Payment of the enclosed invoice for your county's membership in the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) entitles your officials and staff to receive a wealth of services and resources, including:

- Toll-free TAC Helpline at 888-ASK-TAC4 or (888) 275-8224, anytime during business hours, for help with legal and other issues related to county operations;
- High-quality training and continuing education for county officials and staff;
- The County Elections Database and timely access to county election results across the state;
- The association management services listed in Attachment 1, for all county official associations;
- County official listservs that facilitate communication, collaboration and networking;
- Communications on county news, issues and best practices online and in *County* magazine;
- Regular legislative updates via *County Issues* e-newsletter and timely alerts during session;
- Website resources, including county-specific data, publications and legislative issue briefs;
- County government legal handbooks, updated and mailed to county officials every two years;
- Respected representation before both the state and federal governments;
- Access to cost-effective, comprehensive risk management services and health and benefits services targeted to the unique needs of counties;
- Toll-free Judicial Hotline at 844-CoJudge or (844) 265-8343;
- Access to cost-effective email and website hosting services; and
- A forum to identify and resolve county issues, particularly those that require cooperation among various elected officials.

The common thread in these dues-funded services is that they are efforts to help you *make county government better* for the residents and taxpayers of Texas. Since its creation, nearly 50 years ago, TAC has worked to bring county officials together under one tent to seek collaborative answers to common problems. That effort supports the organization's overall purpose: To serve counties.

Your support enables us to represent all Texas counties. The attached invoice reflects your county's dues. Please note that the amount has not changed from last year.

If you have questions about TAC's services, do not hesitate to contact me at (800) 456-5974. If you have an invoice question, please call Courtney Gibb, TAC Accounting Department, at the same number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Terry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gene" and last name "Terry" clearly distinguishable.

Gene Terry  
Executive Director

County Judges & Commissioners Assoc. of Texas  
402 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

## INVOICE ANNUAL COUNTY DUES

Taxpayer I.D. # 74-2611550

Honorable Ramon Garcia  
Hidalgo County Judge  
100 E Cano St., 2nd Floor  
Edinburg, TX 78539

January 24, 2018

YEAR	COUNTY	ASSESSED DUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR	PAST DUE	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
2018	Hidalgo County	\$2600.00	None	\$2600.00

The County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas is requesting payment of your annual county dues in the amount specified above. The dues are assessed based on the population of your county, from the 2010 census. As directed by the Executive Board, the dues for 2018 have remained unchanged from 2017.

The dues paid by the counties are utilized in the following ways:

**Legislative:** Jim Allison, General Counsel, monitors the legislative session, all called special sessions, and interim hearings. The State Officers supervise and assist in the support of our legislative program.

**Consultation:** Jim and his legal staff are available for internet list serve, telephone, and email consultation for important problems in your county. Phone numbers: (512) 482-0701, (800) 733-0699; Email address: [j.allison@allison-bass.com](mailto:j.allison@allison-bass.com)

**Education:** The State Association Education Committee monitors and certifies the Continuing Education Program for County Commissioners. Our educational programs are a vital part of our organization, and we need to maintain their excellence. The State Association maintains a transcript and issues a Certificate of Completion to all commissioners who complete the required 16 hours of continuing education.

County Progress Magazine provides informative monthly articles of special interest to us. Your dues include an annual subscription for each member of the Commissioners Court. By your support, we will be able to continue these services for each of you.

Please make check payable to:  
County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas  
Mail to:  
County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas  
402 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

If you have questions, please call:  
Alma Moreno, President  
County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas  
(361) 547-3132

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