

# COUNTY *of* HIDALGO

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*COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. No. 4*

August 15, 2018

Via Regular U.S. Mail and E-Mail: [Michael.Carmona@va.gov](mailto:Michael.Carmona@va.gov)

VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System

Attn: Homero Martinez III, Acting Director

2701 S. 77 Sunshine Strip

Harlingen, TX 78550

Subject: Management Advisory Council Appointment Letter

Dear Mr. Carmona,

As a fellow veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, I proudly serve as the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court liaison to the Department of Veterans Services. The Hidalgo County Veteran's Service Office assists veterans, their dependents, and their survivors in obtaining entitled benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the State of Texas. These services consist of medical, educational, and financial benefits.

Please accept this correspondence as our official request to have a representative and an alternative to serve on the VA Texas Coastal Bend Health Care System, Management Advisory Council to represent the Hidalgo County Veterans Service Office. We hereby nominate Mr. Emilio De Los Santos and Mr. Alex Figueroa as alternate.

Mr. De Los Santos is a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Vietnam Era from June of 1970 to March of 1973. Mr. De Los Santos has served as advocate for veterans' benefits in Hidalgo County for many years. I have personally known Mr. De los Santos for several years in his capacity as Officer of the Veteran Service for Hidalgo County. We are certain that Mr. De Los Santos and Mr. Figueroa will do an outstanding job representing Hidalgo County in the Management Advisory Council. The present letter and nomination was approved by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court on August 21, 2018.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at directly 956-383-3112.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner Joseph Palacios  
Hidalgo County Precinct 4



Discussion, consideration, and possible action authorizing Commissioner Joseph Palacios to submit correspondence to the VA Texas Coastal Bend Health Care System, Management Advisory Council and authority to nominate Hidalgo County Veteran's Service Office employees Mr. Emilio De Los Santos and Mr. Alex Figueroa, as alternate, to serve on such advisory council.

