

# **BALLOT – 2020/2021 TCAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### Instructions for Voting:

*Only one ballot per member city/entity. The member representative is entitled to cast seven votes for the seven positions to be filled. PLEASE BE SURE THAT NO MORE THAN SEVEN CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN CHECKED! **Ballots with more than seven cast votes will be rejected.** No more than one vote may be cast for the same nominee. Places 2, 4, and 6 will be filled by the three candidates in the high consumption (HC) category receiving the most votes. Place 8 will be filled by the candidate in the medium consumption (MC) category receiving the most votes. Place 10 will be filled by the candidate in the low consumption (LC) category receiving the most votes. Places 12 and 14 will be filled by the two candidates receiving the most votes but who were not elected to a particular consumption category. The exception to this rule is the requirement in TCAP Bylaws that stipulates the board of directors include at least one member from each of the four ERCOT zones (North, South, West, and Houston). Nominees who are incumbents (I) are noted on the ballot. Position on the ballot was randomly drawn.*

### **(Vote for seven)**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Karen Manila North Richland Hills–HC (I)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Clayton Fuller, Hurst - MC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jim Darling, McAllen – HC (I)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert Hauck, Tomball - MC (I)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Darron Leiker, Wichita Falls - HC (I)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Courtney Alvarez, Kingsville – MC (I)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Miles Risley, Corpus Christi – HC (I)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rick Salinas, Lyford - LC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Nathan Garza, Bishop- LC (I)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Don Funderlic, Pantego - LC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gabriel Gonzalez, Harlingen - HC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Richard Cortez, Hidalgo County - MC</b>

Please complete and return by **5 p.m. C.S.T.,  
Friday, January 3, 2020** to:

Margaret Somereve, TCAP Secretary  
15455 Dallas Parkway, Suite 600  
Addison, TX 75001

or [msomereve@tcaptx.com](mailto:msomereve@tcaptx.com)

You may also submit in person by 10:00 a.m. at the  
January 10, 2020 TCAP Annual Membership  
Meeting

Submitted by (MUST BE COMPLETED):

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Member City/Entity:

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## **Courtney Alvarez, City of Kingsville**

Courtney Alvarez is the City Attorney for the City of Kingsville, Texas. She has served as a city attorney for Kingsville since 2000. She received a BBA in International Business and a BBA in Finance from the University of Texas in Austin. Courtney attended law school at the South Texas College of Law in Houston and interned at the Texas Supreme Court. Prior to her career in Kingsville, she worked at an insurance defense firm in Corpus Christi. She was involved with the South Texas Aggregation Project (STAP) from its creation in 2001 to its later merger with Cities Aggregation Power Project (CAPP) in 2011 to form TCAP. Courtney has served on the TCAP Board of Directors since its formation in 2011. She has been licensed to practice law in the State of Texas for over twenty years. Courtney is a member of several professional organizations which include the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar College, the Texas Municipal Courts Association, the International Municipal Lawyers Association, The Texas City Attorneys Association, and the Texas Bar Foundation. She currently serves as the TCAP Vice President.



## **Richard Cortez, Hidalgo County**

Judge Richard F. Cortez took office as Hidalgo County Judge on January 2, 2019. He is a retired Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Valuation Analyst (CPA/CVA).

After receiving his CPA license in 1973, Judge Cortez became a partner with other CPAs and continued practicing public accounting. In 1984, he began providing consulting services, assisting parties in litigation by assessing and determining economic damages. He has been involved in hundreds of cases in federal, state and bankruptcy courts. Judge Cortez has been appointed receiver, special auditor, accountant, and business valuator by various state district courts.

Judge Cortez has devoted considerable time for the betterment of the accounting profession; he has held various positions, including president of the Local Rio Grande Valley Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs. He has performed business valuations for various industries and companies of all sizes.

He has taught a graduate level course in Forensic Accounting at the University of Texas-Pan American.

Judge Cortez was elected the eighteenth Mayor of the City of McAllen. He was re-elected for a second four-year term in May of 2009. Since he became Mayor, the City continued to create significant assets and accumulated substantial economic reserves. A \$53 million convention center was constructed with no borrowed funds. A new international bridge was constructed, various city parks were built or improved, the McAllen Miller International Airport was expanded, an Arts District and an Entertainment District were created, a Historical Preservation Ordinance was enacted, a Youth Advisory Council was formed, various programs to benefit youth and senior citizens were established, and the city went "Going Green". The city's fund balance exceeded \$225 million, and the tax rate did not increase during his term as mayor.

Judge Cortez also served as McAllen City Commissioner-District 1, elected in 2015, and continued to serve until he gave up his seat to run for Hidalgo County Judge.

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## **James Darling, City of McAllen**

James Darling is the Mayor of the City of McAllen and spent 28 years as a city attorney with the city of McAllen and other governmental entities. Prior to Mayor he served as City Commissioner for District 6. Mayor Darling is also the Chairman for the Lower Rio Grande River Water Authority, Hidalgo-McAllen International Bridge Board, and Anzalduas International Bridge Board and a board member for Region M Water Planning Group, McAllen Economic Development Corp., McAllen Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., and Amigos Del Valle. Mayor Darling is the President of Texas Municipal League Region 12, and Vice Chairman of the International Good Neighbor Committee (Appointed by Secretary of State Carlos Cascos).

Mayor Darling was the President of the South Texas Aggregation Project (STAP) - predecessor to TCAP from 2001-2009. He was also a member of the McAllen Public Utilities Board of Trustees.

After serving two tours of duty in Viet Nam with the US Air Force as a SSGT, Mayor Darling went on to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> class Petty Officer for the US Navy reserve. He has been very active in the community serving on the McAllen Boys and Girls Club board, Communities in schools, McAllen Crime Stoppers, Chamber of Commerce including being Chair of the Chamber's Legislative Committee.

Mayor Darling has received numerous awards including the Henry B. Gonzalez Award - National Housing Council, National Boys and Girls Club Medallion Award, McAllen Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, USAF Distinguished Flying Cross, Hidalgo County Bar Association John E. Cook Pro Bono Award, Catholic Charities Hope Award.

Having graduated from Baylor University and Baylor Law School, Mayor Darling is licensed by the Texas Supreme Court and the Southern District of Texas Federal Court and specialized in local government law. He is married to Sandra, he has 3 daughters and 3 sons.



## **Clayton Fulton, City of Hurst**

Clayton Fulton graduated with a Master's in Public Administration from the Romney Institute of Public Management in Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Management in 2008 with an emphasis in local government and financial analysis. Mr. Fulton also received a Bachelor's degree from BYU in Sociology and holds associates degrees in Business and General Studies.

Clayton has been working for the City of Hurst since October 2016 and was promoted to ACM in 2019. Prior to working for the City of Hurst, Mr. Fulton worked as the Finance Director for the City of Anna overseeing all financial operations for the city as well as managing the municipal court, utility billing, information technology, and human resource operations for the City. Mr. Fulton brought the GFOA distinguished budget award to the City of Anna and also received recognition from the State of Texas Comptroller's Office for financial transparency.

Mr. Fulton also held positions with the State of Utah's Division of Housing and Community Development where he developed increasing responsibility over the execution and management of various Federal HUD, USDA, and HHS grants.

Clayton lives in NRH with his wife and 5 children.

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## **Don Funderlic, City of Pantego**

Don Funderlic was originally appointed to fill the unexpired term in Council Member Place 2 and began his first full term on the Town Council in 2012. He brings over thirty years of public works project development, regulatory and private development experience as well as management and financial understanding. Don is a registered Civil Engineer in the State of Texas with a BSCE from Valparaiso University and a MBA from the University of Notre Dame. He has previously served Pantego in several positions including Chairman of the AD Hoc Water Committee and Chairman of the Crime Watch Board. He believes that Pantego should continue to strive to provide the best quality of life for its residents while exercising sound planning and financial accountability. Don and his wife Beth are originally from Indiana and moved to Arlington in 1986, they have resided in Pantego for over 20 years. They have three children (Laura, Kimberly and Jason) and three grandchildren (Andrew, Zachary, and Kendall). His son Jason, wife Hayley and daughter Kendall are also residents of Pantego.



## **Nathan Garza, City of Bishop**

Mr. Garza was elected to the Bishop City Council in May 2017. He is currently studying Political Science and History at Texas A&M Kingsville, on the Dean's list, and expects to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in May 2020. Mr. Garza has numerous years of customer service experience and organized and executed a school-wide fundraiser for veteran equipment for the Lone Survivor Foundation at Bishop High School. Mr. Garza has been involved in Boy Scouts of America, teaching skills and curriculum as well as earning his Eagle Scout Award. Mr. Garza is a member of the Nueces County Historical Society and the Texas Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners.

Mr. Garza has been on the TCAP board since 2018.



## **Gabriel Gonzalez, City of Harlingen**

Gabriel Gonzalez is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with a BA degree in Economics. He served as a board member on TCAP for three years from 2014-2016. Prior to that he served as a board member on STAP before the organization merged into TCAP. He has been with the City of Harlingen as Assistant City Manager for 19 years and prior to coming to Harlingen, he served as City Manager for the City of San Benito for 3 years. He was with San Benito for a total of 8 years serving as Community Development Director for 4 years, Assistant City Manager for 1 year and eventually City Manager. Prior to that, he worked for the City of Brownsville for 6 years.



## **Robert Hauck, City of Tomball**

Robert S. Hauck currently serves as the City Manager, Tomball, Texas. He was raised in Central Indiana, but moved to Southern California, where he completed his last two years of high school. In 1986, he joined the United States Army Reserve Corps and was assigned as a criminal investigator until 1994. Mr. Hauck began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in May 1988, and worked a variety of assignments such as, patrol, internal affairs, community relations, training, vice, and special operations. Mr. Hauck promoted to the rank of captain in 2006 and was first

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assigned as the Commanding Officer, West Los Angeles Patrol Division, and later as the Assistant Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division, where he was responsible for SWAT, K-9, Mounted Unit, Underwater Dive Team, and Waterborne Assault Team operations.

In June 2008, Mr. Hauck retired from the LAPD and joined the City of Tomball, where he served as Chief of Police until April 2014, when he transitioned into City Management. Mr. Hauck holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, and a Master of Science degree in Management. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the West Point Leadership Program, Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, and Leadership North Houston.

Mr. Hauck is an active member in several professional organizations including the International City/County Managers Association; Texas City Managers Association; Texas Municipal League; and FBI National Academy Associates. Although Mr. Hauck made the transition from full-time law enforcement into city management, he maintains his peace officer commission as a Reserve Captain with the Montgomery County Precinct 5 Constables Office. Mr. Hauck and his wife (Kathleen) have three children- - Lauren (24); Conner (19); and Maddie (17).

Mr. Hauck has served on the TCAP board since 2016.



### **Darron Leiker, City of Wichita Falls**

Darron Leiker has served as City Manager in Wichita Falls for 14 years. He oversees 1,200 employees and an annual budget of \$194 million. He was an Assistant City Manager here for three years before that. Darron has 25 years of local government experience, in Texas and Kansas.

He has a Master of Public Administration degree and is a Credentialed City Manager by the International City Management Association (ICMA), a distinction held by less than 30% of the nation's City Managers. Darron is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Leiker has served on the TCAP board since 2016..



### **Karen Manila, City of North Richland Hills**

Karen Manila is an Assistant City Manager for the City of North Richland Hills and oversees administrative / fiscal services for the City including budget, finance, information services, municipal court, human resources, legislative analysis, organizational analysis and mineral leasing for city property. She is the city's liaison for franchised utilities including electricity, telephone and gas and has oversight of the city's solid waste contract. Ms. Manila earned a bachelor's of business administration in management from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a master's in public administration from the University of North Texas. She joined the City of North Richland Hills in 1999 as the city's director of budget and research. Prior to this, Ms. Manila held positions with the City of Garland, Texas; the City of Kaufman, Texas and worked for several years in public accounting. She has been on the TCAP board of directors since 2011.

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## **Miles Risley, City of Corpus Christi**

Miles Risley has served as a director for TCAP since it was established at the beginning of 2011. He is currently President of TCAP. He has served as City Attorney for the cities of Victoria, Wichita Falls, and Corpus Christi. He has been involved in electricity regulation issues since 1994, when he became a municipal attorney in Victoria, Texas, and, in the following years represented Victoria to the Steering Committee of Cities served by Central Power & Light and the South Texas Aggregation Project, Inc. (STAP). In 2009, he became the City Attorney for Wichita Falls and represented it to the Cities Aggregation Power Project (CAPP) and the Oncor Cities Steering Committee. In 2014, he became the City Attorney for Corpus Christi. As a municipal attorney for more than 25 years, Mr. Risley has drafted numerous resolutions and ordinances relating to electric, gas, and other utility issues. He has also negotiated franchise agreements with electric, gas, cable, and telephone providers. In addition, he has lobbied legislators throughout the years on various issues.



## **Rick Salinas, City of Lyford**

Rick Salinas is the Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Lyford first being elected to the Commission in 2016. In addition to being on the City of Lyford's City Commission, Mayor Pro Tem Salinas is also on the boards of the Willacy County Appraisal District, Texas Workforce Regional Board, Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, serving on the Review Committee and Secretary of the Regional Small Cities Coalition. Mayor Pro Tem Salinas started his career as a Sergeant in the Air Force and worked as a Construction Liaison with the City of Harlingen. He retired as a teacher/coach from Progreso ISD in 2017. He received a BA from the University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley in Education/minor Business Education. Mayor Pro Tem Salinas is also active in the Communities Against Substance Abuse Coalitions and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program as well as the City of Lyford Market Day's