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To the County Judge and Commissioners of Hidalgo County.

This letter is to memorialize the vote taken at the meeting of our District Court Judges, on behalf of the District Court Judges of Hidalgo County, I write to you to express our support for the creation of two new District Courts in Hidalgo County. As Hidalgo County continues to rapidly grow, we have to ensure that our justice system is ready to keep up with the filed court cases. The right to a speedy trial is so important to the legal system that our nation's founders demanded that it be included in the United States Constitution. Case backlogs delay justice for our community and increase the taxpayer's costs. Both civil disputes and criminal cases must be addressed as soon as possible for our justice system to work the way it was intended to work. For these reasons and more, we support the creation of additional Hidalgo County District Courts. Please let me know if we can provide additional information as you consider the need for these additional courts.

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Local Administrative Presiding Judge Noe Gonzalez

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