

HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION

Rolando Garza, Chief Appraiser
Jorge Gonzalez, Asst. Chief Appraiser
Brent E Cavazos, Associate Chief Appraiser
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Albert D. Cardenas	Chairman
Joe D. Olivarez	Vice-Chairman
Amador Requenez	Secretary
Richard A. Garza	Member
Eddy Betancourt	Member
Pablo "Paul" Villarreal, Jr.	Member

October 25, 2023

Mr. Valde Guerra
County Executive Officer
PO Box 1356
Edinburg TX 78540

Dear Mr. Guerra,

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

Five (5) Board of Directors are elected by vote of the eligible taxing units participating in the District, which governs the Hidalgo County Appraisal District. In addition to the five (5) elected Board of Directors, the County Tax/Assessor-Collector, Mr. Pablo "Paul" Villarreal Jr., serves as a non-voting Director.

The governing body of each eligible taxing unit may cast all its votes for one (1) candidate or distribute the votes among any number of candidates. Pursuant to Section 6.03(k-1) of the TPTC, each voting unit shall determine its vote by written resolution at the **first or second open meeting after receiving this notice** and submit it to the Chief Appraiser **not later than the third day following the date the resolution is adopted**. Please note that there is no provision for write-in candidates. Therefore, any vote cast for someone not listed on the ballot will be discarded.

The Chief Appraiser will count all timely submitted votes, declare the five candidates that receive the largest cumulative vote totals elected, and submit the results before December 31st to the governing body of all taxing units in the District and to the candidates.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rolando Garza".

Rolando Garza, RPA
Chief Appraiser

RG:plg

Enclosures

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OCT 30 2023

By: 
Executive Office

**2024-2025
VOTING ENTITLEMENT
HCAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

	2022 Tax Levied	2022 Total Levy	2022 Percent	Voting	2024 - 2025 Directorships	2024 - 2025 Official Votes
Entity						
Hidalgo County	\$ 264,653,740	\$ 1,050,933,873	25.183%	252	5	1,260
Cities						
Alamo	\$ 5,103,714	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.486%	5	5	25
Alton	\$ 3,103,203	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.295%	3	5	15
Donna	\$ 6,551,936	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.623%	6	5	30
Edcouch	\$ 622,717	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.059%	1	5	5
Edinburg	\$ 38,127,169	\$ 1,050,933,873	3.628%	36	5	180
Elsa	\$ 1,762,298	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.168%	2	5	10
Granjeno	\$ 30,754	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.003%	1	5	5
Hidalgo	\$ 3,085,315	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.294%	3	5	15
La Joya	\$ 1,209,519	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.115%	1	5	5
La Villa	\$ 661,394	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.063%	1	5	5
McAllen	\$ 58,106,007	\$ 1,050,933,873	5.529%	55	5	275
Mercedes	\$ 5,957,425	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.567%	6	5	30
Mission	\$ 28,910,952	\$ 1,050,933,873	2.751%	28	5	140
Palmview	\$ 3,676,160	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.350%	4	5	20
Penitas	\$ 1,711,540	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.163%	2	5	10
Progreso	\$ 967,912	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.092%	1	5	5
Pharr	\$ 28,727,505	\$ 1,050,933,873	2.734%	27	5	135
San Juan	\$ 10,077,462	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.959%	10	5	50
Sullivan City	\$ 739,543	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.070%	1	5	5
Weslaco	\$ 16,103,016	\$ 1,050,933,873	1.532%	15	5	75
Schools						
Donna	\$ 22,534,056	\$ 1,050,933,873	2.144%	21	5	105
Edcouch-Elsa	\$ 5,402,674	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.514%	5	5	25
Edinburg	\$ 91,362,000	\$ 1,050,933,873	8.693%	87	5	435
Hidalgo	\$ 8,845,402	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.842%	8	5	40
La Joya	\$ 41,386,168	\$ 1,050,933,873	3.938%	39	5	195
La Villa	\$ 1,808,783	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.172%	2	5	10
Lyford	\$ 198,030	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.019%	1	5	5
McAllen	\$ 96,621,136	\$ 1,050,933,873	9.194%	92	5	460
Mercedes	\$ 9,261,699	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.881%	9	5	45
Mission	\$ 31,332,081	\$ 1,050,933,873	2.981%	30	5	150
Monte Alto	\$ 2,193,628	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.209%	2	5	10
PSJA	\$ 70,777,785	\$ 1,050,933,873	6.735%	67	5	335
Progreso	\$ 3,013,695	\$ 1,050,933,873	0.287%	3	5	15
Sharyland	\$ 46,548,429	\$ 1,050,933,873	4.429%	44	5	220
So Tx College	\$ 75,735,089	\$ 1,050,933,873	7.206%	72	5	360
South Texas ISD	\$ 23,974,661	\$ 1,050,933,873	2.281%	23	5	115
Valley View	\$ 11,639,286	\$ 1,050,933,873	1.108%	11	5	55
Weslaco	\$ 28,409,990	\$ 1,050,933,873	2.703%	27	5	135
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 1,050,933,873		100.000%	1002		5,015

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<p>Hidalgo County Appraisal District 4405 S. Professional Drive PO Box 208 Edinburg TX 78540-0208 OFFICIAL BALLOT Election 2024-2025 Appraisal District Board of Directors</p>	
Entity: County of Hidalgo	Authorized Votes: 1,260
Nominee	# of Votes
Betancourt, Eddie	
Cardenas, Albert	
Castillo, Fernando	
Chapa Mario	
Garcia, Pete	
Garza, Richard A.	
Gutierrez, Uvaldo	
Lozano, Antonio	
Olivarez, Joe D.	
Requenez, Amador	
Saldana, Ruben	

 Date Resolution Passed (attach resolution)

 Authorized Representative

cc: Finance Director of each entity

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 1,260 votes in said election; and

WHEREAS, ballots must be cast at the first or second open meeting after receiving the ballot and must be returned not later than the third day following its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **County of Hidalgo** does hereby cast _____ (#) of votes for (_____) for Hidalgo County Appraisal Board of Directors.

READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED at a regular meeting by the **County of Hidalgo** on this _____ day of _____ month, 2023.

BY: _____
Richard Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

EDDY BETANCOURT

Overview

Results-driven construction and project manager with over 30 years of expertise as a superintendent, construction manager and construction business owner. History of concurrently directing multiple projects to successful completion through effective management and team collaboration. Continually strives to produce high quality Industrial, Commercial, Institutional, and Residential projects while adhering to a tight schedule and budget. Advanced understanding of customer needs with diligent attention to detail results in superior customer service and high levels of client satisfaction.

Project Management / Budget & Finances / Personnel Acquisition & Training /

Team Management / Design & Development / Customer Relations / Multi-Site Management /

New Business Development

Industry

- Commercial Construction
- Commercial / Residential Real Estate
- Retail Automotive Accessories

Project Management/Leadership

- Large Scale Construction management and implementation.
- Small Business Owner

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aug 1984 to Present

R & B General Construction Co, Inc., President

McAllen TX.

Administer construction budgets and supervise a staff of 60 full-time employees. Plan & design industrial warehouses and commercial ventures. Assist in the development of industrial facilities in various industrial parks. Coordinate development of residential homes and Multi project of renovations for commercial projects. Work closely with city municipalities, Engineers, Architects. Often present viable projects to city and county entities, and city officials to obtain necessary variances and permits for various private projects to meet city ordinances and overall governmental building codes. Development and Management of multi-million-dollar investment projects, specializing in the Cold Storage warehouse industry.

Oct 2015 to Dec. 2022

National Tire and Wheel, LLC Co-Owner and President.

McAllen, TX

Purchased existing business on 10/22/2015.

Current sales have exceeded historical sales.

Feb 2012 to Present

E2H Investments, LLC, General Retail Partner Manager.

McAllen, TX

Manage a Rent to Own Business.

Account Management

Sales

Marketing

Grew business to 8 locations in 48 months.

January 1992 - 1998

Century Forwarding Agency, Inc, Vice President

Hidalgo, Texas

Manage export operation of the Agency specializing in exporting general goods for various Mexican and American corporations as well as managing. Just In-Time inventories for various fortune 500 companies. Successfully implemented all logistics for Wal-Mart Mexico and Wal-Mart USA specializing in their produce sector through various U.S and Mexican custom brokers with strict adherence to the NAFTA rules and regulations.

Aug 1987 - 1992

Technics Construction of Texas Inc.

McAllen, TX.

Vice-President Administered construction budgets and supervised a staff of 30 full-time employees. Designed and Build warehouse storage facilities. Assisted in the Development of Industrial facilities. Coordinated all aspects of construction for residential homes and renovations of commercial projects.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Appointed to Texas Facilities Commission by Texas Governor Sept. 2020 to term expiring in 1/31/2023.

Most Recent Re-Appointment by Texas Governor as Commissioner for the Texas Facilities Commission and Confirmed by the Texas Senate with term Expiring in 1/31/2029.

Appointment as Member of Board of Directors Hidalgo County Appraisal District. By Hidalgo County Entities Terms 2020-22, 2022-2023

Appointed Member to Hidalgo County Appraisal District Review Board 2007 - 2012

Board Held Positions

- Member
- Secretary
- Chairman

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

University of Texas Pan-American - School of Business Continuing Education
Real Estate, Appraisals, Marketing, Real Estate principles, Law and Contracts
Mathematics, and Finance.

State Licensed in Real Estate # 0440351(1994)

Fluent in Reading and Writing Spanish

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- ENACTUS Advisory Board (Students In Free Enterprise early 90's Alumni)
- Chairman entrepreneurship workshops,
- Small business development conference Invitee speaker
- Active supporter of Higher Education
- Golfing Activities, Fishing,
- Active in Daughter's School Outreach Programs
- Enjoy Family Trips

FORMAL EDUCATION

BBA (94)- Marketing and International Business, University of Texas Pan American

OTHER

Bilingual - Spanish/English.

**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

Mario Chapa

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 40 years experience in engineering and aviation environments, including domestic and international project management, system engineering, network management, installation and testing of airport/aviation communications systems.
- Experience in baggage system design and installation, including the acceptance testing of the integration of inline and stand alone baggage security systems at DFW, LAX, BOS, ORD, PHL, MFE, IAH, DAL, SJU, AUS, MIA, and TPA airports and contributed to problem resolution on those systems.
- Demonstrated ability to build rapport and resolve complex issues among multiple entities with conflicting interest including a telephone central office design problem, which had gone unresolved for 25 years.
- Extensive hands-on experience throughout career, including problem solving difficult technical issues.
- Self motivated, Can-Do-Attitude presenting integrity and professionalism to problem resolution.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE MANAGEMENT

- Supervised the successful ACARS Upgrade project enhancing data radio communication between US airports and enroute aircraft. Resolved a firmware design problem with control unit. Identified a hardware design flaw in the proposed control equipment preventing unnecessary delay and expense.
- Managed the installation of a 400 position San Jan Puerto Rico Reservation Center on schedule and within budget including the integration of additional capacity and enhanced network management.
- Responsible for the procurement/shipping and maintenance of \$18 million dollars worth of communications equipment annually.
- Directed the procurement, installation and test check-out for material/baggage handling and cargo systems. Reviewed and revised technical specifications and related project drawings. Presented information to management on cost, schedule and budget.
- Lead design team of a governmental ship to shore HF project. Designed system from the ground up including basic control circuit board design and build, procurement of all parts, prototype development and testing, training manuals, operating procedures and installation.
- Supervised engineering staff to plan, develop and design complex communications networks including network management. This included responses and presentations to RFPs and RFQs.

Mario Chapa Resume Cont'd

ENGINEERING

- Designed T1 carrier span lines and provided field assistance for problem solving. Assisted Bell Labs engineers with the testing and problem resolution of the first T3 carrier system in Texas.
- Lead test teams with hands on involvement, including microwave path profile calculations, to upgrade performance of approximately 35 sites of the USAF Kanto Plains Microwave System near Tokyo Japan.
- Provided engineering expertise in problem solving issues of the Motorola Trunk Radio System and Centracom consoles, which provided mobile communications to DFW airport personnel.
- Established field support of the secure/non-secure HF voice/data network supporting Air Force One. Performed diagnostic testing and maintenance.
- Introduced to Sabre at American Airlines the IBM network computer. Upon my technical analysis and recommendation, the IBM network computer was installed and utilized by American Airlines travel agencies, airport ticket counters and other airline office environments.

WORK HISTORY

Communications Officer	US Air Force
Engineer	SW Bell Telephone, Dallas, TX
Engineer	Rockwell International, Richardson, TX
Communications Director	Braniff International Airlines, Dallas, TX
Sr. Communications Engineer	Aeronautical Radio Inc, Annapolis MD
Regional Engineering Manager	General DataComm, Waterbury, CT
Communications Consultant	Self employed
International Communications	American Airlines, DFW Airport, TX
Project Manager	American Airlines, DFW Airport TX
Project Manager	BNP Associates, Danbury, CT
Project Manager	Ciara Associates, Herndon, VA

EDUCATION

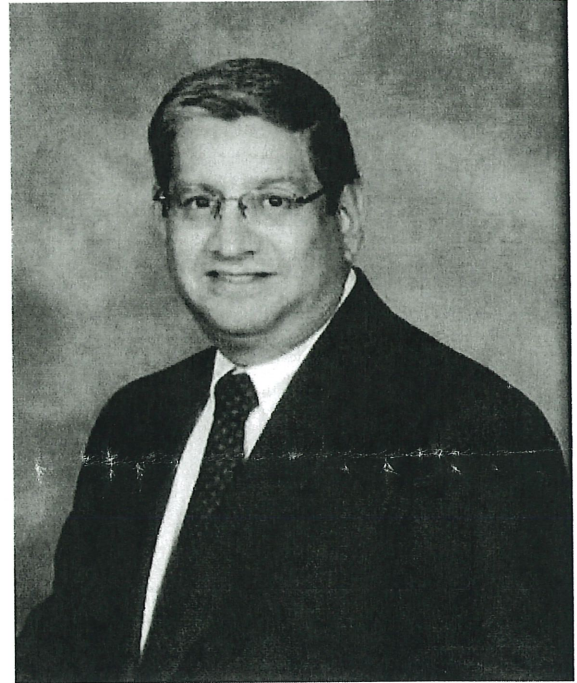
B.S. Electrical Engineering
Texas A&I University – Now Texas A&M University-Kingsville

OTHER

Private Pilot (Commercial and Instructment Ratings)

MEET RICHARD. A. GARZA,

Richard A. Garza is a lifelong resident of the Rio Grande Valley. He first received his real estate license at the age of 18 then continued on to graduate with a BBA in Finance from Pan American University in Edinburg, TX. He first joined BIC Realty in 1977. As Richard continues working on sales in residential and commercial real estate, he has also represented many banks in selling REO properties. His knowledge of over 46 years of experience in the Real Estate Industry allows him to provide clients with versatile, multi-market expertise. In the mid 80's, Richard began purchasing tracts of land and developed them into residential/ranch-type subdivisions and has since developed and sold over 10,000 acres. As a Real Estate developer, his job entails coordinating the development with engineers, city officials, city staff, utility contractors, paving contractors, water suppliers, and surveyors creating robust loyal industry relationships. Over the years Richard has also founded and participates in BIC Investments, GR Land Corporation, Garco, LTD, BIC Development, Goldstar Holdings, Ice House Ranches, GR Inversiones, and Anacahuillas companies. He is the previous Chairman of the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors, Current Director of the Texas Land Developers Association, Current Member of the Santa Gertrudis Breeders International, Current Member of the Edinburg Chamber of commerce, Current Member of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, Current Member of the McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and has participated/served his community in so many ways over his time in the Real Estate Industry.



10-23-2023

Antonio Lozano Jr.

Bio information for nomination as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Hidalgo County Appraisal District

I am a retired educator with 36 years of experience. I graduated from Mercedes High School in 1970 and then earned my teaching certificate from Pan American University in 1976. While teaching for 8 years I continued my education and earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Pan American University. While in Mercedes I worked at both the local Jr. High and High School as an asst. principal. After those experiences I was appointed as an Elementary Principal at Taylor Elementary. As my tenure continued in Mercedes I was also appointed to lead as Director of several local and federal programs. In Mercedes I spent 4 years as an elected City Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem. After that I was appointed to the Mercedes Housing Authority where I spent 4 years as a member and Chair. In 1993 my family and I became residents of Pharr and I started serving my community as a Boys and Girls Club Director and later was appointed to the Pharr Housing Board where I served for 15 years as a member and Chair of the Board. After 25 years with Mercedes ISD, I started working with the PSJA ISD for a total of 11 years. While working for PSJA ISD I was appointed Principal of Buell Alternative High School for 4 years, Principal of North High School for 4 years and then finished my last 3 years as the Director of the newly established Energy Department. My family and I have been active members of St. Anne's Church in Pharr for over 20 years. I have been an active member of the Knights of

Columbus for over 40 years in Mercedes and now currently an active member with the Knights of Columbus in Edinburg. My wife and I are proud home owners and taxpayers to our City, our School District and our County. We are proud to say we have never failed with that obligation. Though retired we believe it is our responsibility to continue to serve or Community, our Schools and our Church. Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Daniel Olivarez

LNR Apartments

joe@LNRapts.com

OBJECTIVE

As a member of the Weslaco community I would like to be known as a leader. Someone who inspires and motivates other to achieve their goals.

EDUCATION

University of Texas Austin
Bachelors of Arts in
Business Administration

EXPERIENCE

January 1999-Present
Owner • Olivarez Company

Manage, rent, renovate, build apartments and commercial offices.

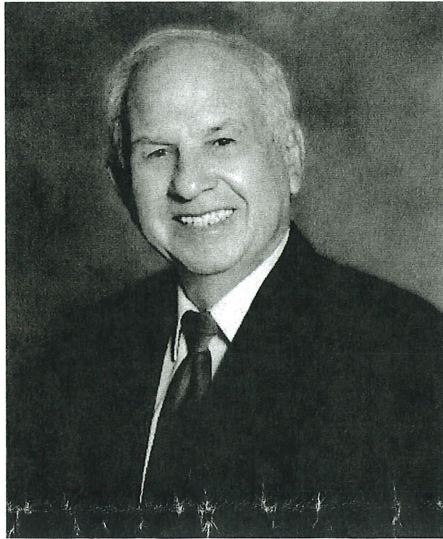
LEADERSHIP

Weslaco Economic Development Corporation
10 years to present
Hidalgo County Subdivision Review Board
10 years to present
Hidalgo County Appraisal District Review Board
12 years
Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors
4 years

REFERENCES

[Available upon request.]

**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

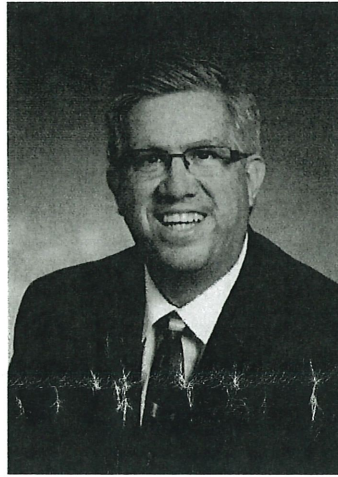
Served on Board of Hidalgo County Water District #6

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

Dr. Ruben J. Saldaña
District Extension Administrator
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension



Academic Background

Ed.D. Agricultural Education, Texas A&M University/Texas Tech University, 2004
M.P.A. Public Administration, University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, Texas 1998.
B.S. Agricultural Education, Texas A&M University, 1988.
Graduate Mercedes High School, 1984.

Professional & Academic Appointments

District Extension Administrator, Southern District (12), 2006 - present
County Extension Director, El Paso County, 1998 - 2006
Project Manager, South Texas AmeriCorps Initiative, TCE, 1994 - 1998
County Extension Agent - Agriculture (Program Leader; County Coordinator) Willacy County, TCE, 1991-1994.
County Extension Agent - Agriculture, Webb County (Laredo), 1989-1991.
Professional Educator, Mercedes Jr. High School, Mercedes I.S.D., 1988-89.

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Ruben Saldaña serves as the District Extension Administrator for the Southern District of Texas. He provides leadership for 20 counties and the Texas A&M Agricultural Research & Extension Center at Weslaco. He began his career as a science teacher at Mercedes ISD then moved into Extension working as an agricultural agent, a specialist for the AmeriCorps program, and as the Director of El Paso County office before moving into his current position in 2006. He is responsible for all programming and operations for the Southern District including Extension operations at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Weslaco. He has spent his entire career working along the border of Texas from Brownsville to El Paso, working with youth, commercial agriculture, environmental issues, and most recently with Healthy South Texas, a food and health initiative of the Texas A&M University System launched by Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp. He was recognized in 2019 by Chancellor Sharp and agency director Rick Avery as a Texas A&M University System Regents Fellow and is a 34-year veteran of the agency.

He serves on the Advisory Board for Texas A&M University's Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications, the Mercedes PD's Crimestoppers Board, on the MISD CTE advisory committee, Our Lady of Mercy Building Committee, and numerous other boards and organizations.

In 2022, he ran for the Mercedes City Commission and was elected in the Place 4 seat. In 2023, he was elected by the Commission as Mayor Pro-Tem.

He is married to the former Dahlia Guajardo from Mercedes. He has two college students at Texas State University, one at Angelo State University, and a son and daughter-in-law that are commercial and military pilots, respectively, in Las Vegas. He has two granddaughters.