

HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT



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October 29, 2025

Honorable County Judge
Mr. Richard Cortez
PO Box 1356
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Dear Judge Cortez,

As prescribed by Section 6.03 of the Texas Property Tax Code, enclosed, for the two (2) available directorships, 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 (HCAD). In addition, I have also provided a condensed biography of each candidate that provided one, a list of the total vote distribution for all voting entities, and a sample resolution for your convenience, which you may use or submit one prepared by your office.

HCAD is governed by a nine (9) Board of Directors: five (5) members serve staggered terms and are appointed by vote of the eligible taxing units participating in the District; three (3) members are elected by majority vote in the November general election; and finally, the County Tax Assessor/Collector serves as a voting ex officio member.

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 for the two (2) expiring positions. 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 most significant 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,

Rolando Garza, RPA
Chief Appraiser

RG:plg

Enclosures

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By: 
Executive Office

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, (Hidalgo County) is entitled to cast a total of (Number of Votes) votes in said election; and

WHEREAS, ballots must be returned by **December 15, 2025**, which is the deadline for accepting votes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by (Hidalgo County) does hereby cast (Number of Votes) votes for (Name of Candidate) for the Hidalgo County Appraisal Board of Directors for **2026-2029**.

READ, PASSED, AND APPROVED at a regular meeting by the Board of Trustees for (Hidalgo County) , on this the (day) of (month & year).

BY: _____
Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

Secretary

Hidalgo County Appraisal District 4405 S. Professional Drive PO Box 208 Edinburg TX 78540-0208 OFFICIAL BALLOT Election 2026-2029 Appraisal District Board of Directors	
Entity: HIDALGO COUNTY	Authorized Votes: 560
Nominee	# of Votes
Garza, Richard A.	
Martinez, George	
Moreno, David	
Olivarez, Joe D.	

Date Resolution Passed (attch resolution)

Authorized Representative

Joe Daniel Olivarez

LNR Apartments

614 North Texas

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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.]

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.



Jorge is a distinguished political analyst with a strong presence in the Spanish-language national media landscape. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from California State University, Fresno, where he excelled academically and played a pivotal role as the founding president of Alpha Gamma Omega, a Christ-centered fraternity, showcasing his leadership and commitment to his community.

His passion for public affairs and governance led Jorge to further his education, culminating in a Master of Public Administration degree from California Baptist University. With this academic foundation, he embarked on a journey of impactful public service and advocacy.

Since 2012, Jorge has been an integral part of The LIBRE Initiative, where he has held various key positions. Presently, he serves as the Strategic Director, leveraging his expertise to build bridges and foster collaboration within the community.

In recognition of his dedication and expertise, Jorge was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to the prestigious Texas Physician Assistant Board in 2015. During his tenure, he made significant contributions while serving on the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee, exemplifying his commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards in healthcare.

Further demonstrating his leadership and public service, in September 2025 Jorge was appointed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller to the Produce Recovery Fund Board of the Texas Department of Agriculture, where he will serve a six-year term helping oversee and strengthen Texas' agricultural recovery and produce industry.

Additionally, Jorge has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to his local community by formerly chairing the Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Mission, TX. He continues to make a positive impact by serving as an esteemed Accountability Board Member for New Life Family Church in McAllen, TX.

Jorge's extensive experience, strong educational background, and his frequent appearances on Spanish-language national media outlets make him a trusted and influential voice in shaping public policy for his community.

