

*Resolution Recognizing the
Hidalgo County Future Leaders Council*

- Whereas* Hidalgo County recognizes the importance of developing and empowering the next generation of civic, professional, and community leaders; and
- Whereas* The Hidalgo County Future Leaders Council is a young-adult-led civic leadership initiative created to connect young adults with local government, civic engagement, leadership development, and regional opportunities; and
- Whereas* The Council seeks to support Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez’s long-term goal of improving quality of life by retaining, attracting, developing, and empowering young talent within Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* The Council provides young leaders with opportunities to learn about county government, participate in civic engagement, conduct research, engage with their communities, and develop recommendations concerning issues affecting young adults in Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* The Council will gather young adult perspectives through surveys, listening sessions, community outreach, and other engagement efforts to better understand the needs, concerns, and aspirations of young adults throughout Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* The Council will focus its inaugural program year on youth retention, attraction, civic engagement, regional opportunity, quality of life, and issues affecting young adults in Hidalgo County; and
- Whereas* The Council will provide findings and recommendations to Commissioners Court and the Hidalgo County Judge’s Office for consideration, recognizing that such findings and recommendations are non-binding and do not constitute official County policy or action; and
- Whereas* The Council shall be responsible for any social media posts published on its behalf and shall ensure that such posts comply with all applicable laws, policies, and regulations; and
- Whereas* The Council will provide young adults with meaningful opportunities to participate in local government and contribute to the continued growth and future of Hidalgo County.

Now, therefore, be it resolved and ordered that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes and supports the Hidalgo County Future Leaders Council as a young-adult-led civic leadership initiative and encourages continued collaboration among the Council, Commissioners Court, the Hidalgo County Judges Office, county departments, educational institutions, community organizations, and other appropriate stakeholders, consistent with applicable laws, County policies, and established procedures, to strengthen young adult civic engagement, leadership development, and opportunities throughout Hidalgo County.

***Passed, Approved, Resolved and Ordered
this 15th day of September 2026.***

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

EVERARDO “EVER” VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk