VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA INITIATIVE
HIDALGO COUNTY ARTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County (the "County") is authorized pursuant to Section §381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code, to develop and administer state and local economic development programs for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court has created the "Hidalgo County Arts Program" on July 17, 2018, under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code §381.004(b)(7), focused on high-quality arts programs and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.004(b)(6)(c), the County is authorized to spend public funds and provide personnel and services of the county to develop such programs, and/or to contract with another entity for the administration of such an economic development program;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County does hereby resolve and agree as follows:

1. The Commissioners Court shall hereby establish the Hidalgo County "*Valley Symphony Orchestra"* Initiative, an Economic Development Arts opportunity in Hidalgo County administered through Valley Symphony Orchestra a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization, herein after referred to as the ("Initiative"), aimed to attain the objectives established by the Hidalgo County Arts Program.

2. The Initiative is designed to encourage, promote, and improve the application of arts in order to stimulate business and commercial activity in the County.

3. The Initiative's primary focus shall be the retention and recruitment of professional musicians whom live, work, and recreate in the County, with the goal of continuing a substantial investment of increasing musician service rates that allows for competitive fair market compensation rates.

4. The Initiative shall recognize the "heartbeat" and value of musicians to the Symphony Orchestra, and the prospective investment, economic growth, tourism, and uplifting of the area's cultural identity that a "world-class" symphony attracts.

5. The County may seek to collaborate with the Valley Symphony Orchestra in assisting with the administration of the Initiative and may provide funding, leverage existing services and personnel, or other resources for the development and administration of the Initiative.

APPROVED THIS THE _____DAY OF _____, 2026

Hon. RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

Hon. DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Hon. EDUARDO CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Hon. EVERARDO VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Hon. ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: Hon. ARTURO GUAJARDO
Hidalgo County Clerk