

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
A. JIMMY GARZA TO THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, only two representatives from the Rio Grande Valley have ever been appointed to the Texas Transportation Commission and it has been over 20 years since a commissioner from the Rio Grande Valley has held a position on the board; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas, as authorized under Texas Administrative Code, has the authority to appoint members to the Texas Transportation Commission whose purpose is to oversee the Texas Department of Transportation to ensure the transportation needs of the State of Texas are met; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that during the current legislative session Governor Greg Abbot will appoint several new commissioners to serve on the Texas Transportation Commission and ask the Senate of the State of Texas to confirm the appointment of those commissioners; and

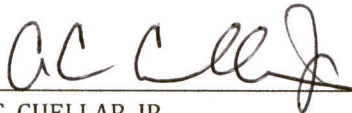
WHEREAS, representation by an individual with knowledge of transportation infrastructure in South Texas is essential to ensure that the needs of the entire state, specifically improving connectivity and mobility in the ever growing Rio Grande Valley and the Hidalgo County Transportation Management area, are met; and

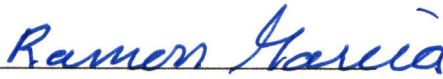
WHEREAS, the commissioner would be responsible for planning and making policies for the location; construction and maintenance of state highways; overseeing the design, construction, maintenance and operation of the state highway system; and developing a statewide transportation plan that contains all modes of transportation, including highways and turnpikes, aviation, mass transportation, railroads, high-speed railroads and water traffic; and

WHEREAS, A. Jimmy Garza, currently serving as City Commissioner for the City of Pharr since 2010 and as an advisory board member for the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, has the knowledge and demonstrated understanding of the mobility needs of Hidalgo County and the greater region of South Texas by being an advocate for interstate connectivity to the Rio Grande Valley and the remainder of the state.

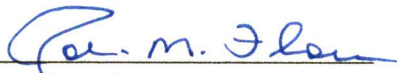
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby supports the resolution for the appointment of A. Jimmy Garza to the Texas Transportation Commission.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2015.


A.C. CUELLAR, JR.
County Commissioner, Pct. 1


RAMON GARCIA
County Judge


EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2


JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3


JOSEPH PALACIOS
County Commissioner, Pct. 4


Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk