Hidalgo County

Resolution in support of Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 Application for grant funding under FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

Whereas chronic flooding has affected economy, health and safety of citizens of the State of Texas and of Hidalgo County; and

Whereas over the last five years, Hidalgo County has suffered significant catastrophic flood events that have resulted in six major disaster declarations (FEMA-4223-DR, FEMA-4245-DR, FEMA-4272-DR, FEMA-4377- DR, FEMA-4454-DR, and FEMA-3530-EM); and

Whereas Hidalgo County is the seventh largest county by population, with a population of approximately one million citizens, and Hidalgo County represents a critical component of the economy of the State of Texas; and

Whereas Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 is seeking grant funding, under the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program, to expand the "Main Drain" and thereby increase its drainage system's capacity; and

Whereas the proposed project will result in millions of cubic yards of additional storage capacity that will safely manage storm water and produce a cost-effective benefit to Hidalgo County; and

Whereas drainage infrastructure projects are critical in providing community resilience with economic growth as well as safeguarding the health and safety of citizens; and

Whereas the funding for Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1's proposed project under the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program will have an immediate and measurable effect in reducing flooding and safe guarding the health and safety of citizens of Hidalgo County.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court supports the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 application under the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program.

Approved this 1st day of December, 2020.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: **ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**
County Clerk