

Hidalgo County

*Resolution and Order to rename a county owned facility known as the
Precinct 4 Justice Center
to the Rumaldo Cerda, Jr. Justice Center*

Whereas the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, through Precinct 4, approved the construction of a new Justice Center to centralize and replace outdated buildings with inadequate space for the Precinct 4 Hidalgo County Justices of the Peace and the Precinct 4 Constables Office; and

Whereas the County wishes to honor a long time public servant who demonstrated great courage, honor, humility, dedication and commitment and contributed positively to the rural communities of Precinct 4. This individual served the county precinct well in his respective career as Constable for over twenty years; and

Whereas the New Justice Center sits on the very location where Constable Cerda's office was housed when elected to office; and

Whereas Constable Rumaldo Cerda Jr. was born in Laguna Seca Ranch on July 7, 1930 and entered eternal rest on January 22, 2001. Constable Cerda is survived by his wife Odilia D. Cerda, his children: Robert (Lana) Cerda; Frank (Dora) Cerda; Arnold (Letty Flores) Cerda; Cris (Rey) Castellano; and Jeri (Juan) Dominguez and daughter, Maria Luisa Cerda who entered eternal rest in May of 2015; and

Whereas Constable Cerda was first elected into public office in 1980. He went on to be re-elected for six (6) terms. Constable Cerda's journey was one of remarkable dedication and humble beginnings. He began his duties as constable by working out of his personal car and tirelessly served our community until his efforts garnered the support of the county commissioners, who, in turn, provided Constable Cerda with an office, a patrol car, and county-paid deputies. Throughout his service, Constable Cerda exemplified humility and commanded respect from those within the community; and

Whereas the County of Hidalgo wishes to rename the Precinct 4 Justice Center in memory of Mr. Rumaldo Cerda Jr. for his dedicated law enforcement and community service.

Now, therefore, be it resolved and ordered by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court that:

1. The Commissioners Court hereby renames the County of Hidalgo owned building from Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Justice Center to the Rumaldo Cerda Jr. Center to honor his dedicated public service and preserve his memory.
2. The Commissioners Court authorizes the County to execute the appropriate documents approving this name change.
3. Any prior Resolution and Order of the Commissioner Court in conflict with the provisions contained in this Resolution and Order are hereby replaced and revoked.
4. Should any part of this Resolution and Order be held invalid for any reason, the remainder shall not be affected thereby, and such remaining portions are hereby declared to be severable.
5. This Resolution and Order shall take effect immediately from and after it is passed and is duly resolved and ordered.

Passed, Approved, Resolved and Ordered
this 13th day of June 2023.



Richard F. Cortez

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

David L. Fuentes

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Everardo "Ever" Villarreal

EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ellie Torres

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk

