



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ Approve the Official Ballot to cast votes for Region One ESC Board of Directors for 2011 _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Juan J. Cruz _____ **OF:** _____ School Attorney _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: _____ March 23, 2011 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees Approve the Official Ballot to cast votes for Region One ESC Board of Directors for 2011.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:



Ricardo Gutierrez
310 Anacua Street
Rio Grande City, TX 78582

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Education – 1969 – Texas A&I University
High School Diploma – May 1965 – Rio Grande City High School
Rio Grande City Parochial and Public Schools

Business:

Gutierrez Oil Company-1970-2008

As President and Owner, responsible for all aspects of management; including sales, personnel, inventory, annual budget, profit and loss control as well as public relations

Educational Boards:

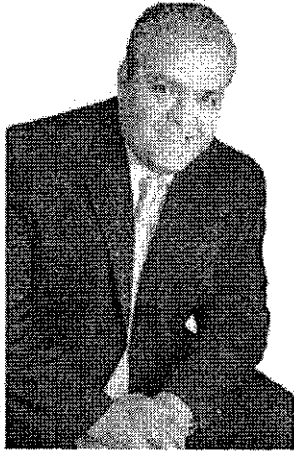
- Trustee, Region One ESC- 2010 to Present
- Member, Texas Technical College Systems Board-March 1980 to August 1995
- Member, Board of Directors, University Systems of South Texas-February 1974 to 1988
- Chairman, Board of Directors, University Systems of South Texas-May 1979 to February 1988
- Chairman, Board of Trustees, The University of South Texas Foundation, Inc. (Past)

Current Memberships:

- Executive Boarder Infrastructure Coalition Director
- Executive Vice President, Starr County Industrial Foundation
- Member, Rio Grande Regional Water Authority
- Member, Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
- Member, Rio Grande City Rotary Club
- Member, Member, Starr County Historical Foundation
- Member, Starr County Urban Development Commission
- President, Rio Grande City Rattler Band Booster

Past Memberships:

- Chairman, Rio Grande Valley Partnership/Chamber of Commerce
- President, Rio Grande Regional Water Authority
- Advisory Director, Norwest Bank of Texas, Laredo and San Antonio
- Alderman, Rio Grande City Commission
- Board of Directors, Hidalgo/Starr Counties Easter Seal Society
- Board of Directors, Medina Electric Cooperative
- Board of Directors, Rio Grande City Chamber of Commerce
- Board of Directors, Rio Grande Valley Municipal Water Authority
- Board of Directors, Starr County Hospital
- Board of Directors, VIDA
- Chairman and Board of Directors, Rio Grande City Independent School Board of Equalization
- Officer, Order of Alhambra
- Grand Knight, Rio Grande City Knights of Columbus
- President, Rio Grande City Economic Development Corporation
- President, Ft. Ringgold Golf Association
- President, Rio Grande City Quarterback Club
- President, Immaculate Conception School PTO
- President, Dine and Dance Club
- Member, South Texas Advisory Council
- Member, Starr County Airport Board
- Vice Present, Small Business Administration



Ruben Cortez, Jr.

735 Habana Street, Brownsville, Texas 78520
956-639-9171

Date: February 19, 2011

RE: Nominee for Region One ESC Board of Directors Place 5

Dear Board:

I am writing you to humbly seek your support for my election to the Region One ESC Board of Directors. The driving force in my life is my dedication to my family, my church, and serving my community. I have been fortunate to find my niche early in my life—helping children succeed through education. Now, I possess a wealth of knowledge and experience that allows me reach out and continue to advance our educational system.

I have served on three national boards: Federal Relations Network (FRN), Council of Urban Boards of Education and the National Pre-K Legislative Committee (NSBA), as well as one regional board: the TASB Legislative Advisory Council. Additionally, I served as a trustee of the Brownsville Independent School Board for four years. During my term, I chaired two committees and served on an additional five. I knew every campus in my district, personally making it a priority to serve the needs of our schools with first-hand knowledge.

Over and above my experience, I bring with me a passion to serve the region. I have spoken with many of you. You have shared with me your vision of education, solutions to problems and how to continue to grow, yet remain flexible enough to address the unique circumstances that face each individual district. I am committed to education, being part of a system that is progressive and embracing the future. Thank you in advance for your time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruben Cortez, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Ruben Cortez, Jr.

My name is Amelia Garcia born in Brownsville, Texas on September 24, 1946 to Gaspar Garcia and Maria Esquivel. I have lived in Olmito, Texas all of my life. I am married to Ricardo Garcia. He is a sales advisor at Firestone Tire Store in Brownsville, Tx. I have two sons, Andres Garcia who is operation manager for HEB in Harlingen and Eduardo Garcia who is store manager for Tractor Supply Co. in Edinburg, Texas.

I went to Villarreal Elementary school in Olmito, Tx. and got my high school diploma from San Benito High School. I worked for Owens & Minor Medical Supply for eighteen years; first as customer service and then as sales representative for all of the Hospitals & Doctor's office of the Rio Grande Valley.

I retired from Owens & Minor Medical Supply in the year 2000. I then started to volunteer at Our Heavenly Father Church in Olmito, Tx. as Coordinator of Religion Education in 2005. In the year 2007 I was hired part time and I am volunteering the rest of my time for the benefit of my community. I am very much interested in having a voice in the education decisions for Region 1 by being elected to the Board of Directors.

Currently I am taking a 12 week course for Director Of Religion Education Skills for the purpose of learning more about my catholic faith.



Dora L. Ruiz

Los Fresnos, Texas -- Cameron County

Candidate for Region I ESC Board of Directors, Place 5

Dora Lozano Ruiz has been serving on the Region I ESC Board of Directors for six years. Her vast educational experience and many years of community involvement have helped her make sound decisions that have supported the 37 school districts and charter schools she serves in Region I. She has devoted her life to family and education with clear goals for academic success for all youngsters. **Dora works extremely well with all other Region I Board members and wishes to continue serving. She is respectfully requesting your vote.**

She was born and raised in Brownsville, Texas where she graduated from high school in 1960 and from Texas Southmost College in 1962. In 1964 she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from then Texas A&I University in Kingsville. In 1977 she earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and a Mid-Management Certificate from PAUB. Two years later she received a Superintendent's Certificate from Pan American University Edinburg.

Dora was an elementary, junior high, and high school teacher for nine years, having taught in the Point Isabel, Los Fresnos and Austin school districts. For six years she was an assistant principal in the San Benito CISD and then moved back to the Los Fresnos CISD where she was a principal for five years. After that she moved up to the central office in LFCISD and served as the Parental Involvement Director for ten years. In that position she developed a very successful program that was recognized throughout the state, and she published a community newspaper that was distributed to all the school districts of the Rio Grande Valley. She has presented a large variety of parenting workshops in both English and Spanish throughout Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Dora retired in 2001 but continues to be involved with many programs that help students, teachers and parents.

Her family consists of her husband of 46 years Eliseo Ruiz, Jr., who served as Superintendent of the Los Fresnos CISD for six years; their son Eliseo Ruiz, III, an attorney in Dallas; and their daughter Dee Dee Ruiz who is an Assistant Professor in School Psychology at UTPA. All members of the Ruiz family are involved in numerous community projects. Dora's 92 year-old mother also was a teacher for many years and is still going strong supporting her family's educational efforts.

Dora has served on a number of boards involving community and church. Her varied and extensive experiences in the field of education and her successful endeavors with Boards of Education and administrators have helped her be a valuable asset to the Board of Region I. The experience she has attained as a member of the Region I Board for six years more than qualifies her to be part of the dedicated group of individuals who work hard to ensure excellence in our schools.

Dora cares deeply about providing our youngsters with many opportunities for success and can do so by continuing to serve on the Region I Board. The three adjectives that best describe her are caring, innovative, and experienced. Oh, and there's one more: she's very positive!

Please Vote for Dora Ruiz for Region I Board Member, Pl. 5.