



## Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **County Judge Richard F. Cortez statement on potential visit by President Donald Trump**

**EDINBURG** – Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez issued the following statement in response to the planned visit by President Donald Trump:

**“Passions are running dangerously high among supporters and opponents of President Trump. I urge both sides to keep those passions in check because ultimately the Rio Grande Valley has a unique opportunity to demonstrate to the world that peaceful public discourse is far more effective than public violence.**

**We must remember that we all have a common and far more dangerous enemy: the COVID-19 virus. Our focus should be more on addressing this deadly threat than creating new threats amongst ourselves over political disagreements. If you choose to exercise your First Amendment rights, please do so peacefully and wear a facial covering while being mindful of physical distancing.”**

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