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EARLY VOTING FOR THE 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION BEGINS 2/18 THROUGH 2/28; ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, 3/4

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Edinburg, Texas – Early voting in Hidalgo County is now underway and continues through Friday, February 28, 2014. The candidates on the ballot for the March 4, 2014 Primary Election will determine who will represent the Democratic and Republican Party's in the general election later this year. Registered voters are encouraged to take advantage of the convenience offered during early voting and cast their ballots at one of the 25 locations and 2 mobile unit sites located throughout the county. The two mobile sites will set up voting locations for a day at businesses, banks, hospitals and community centers, allowing easier and more convenient access for employees and patrons at those locations to cast their ballots.

Hidalgo County officials remind residents that photo identification is now required to vote in person. The new requirement, however has not posed an issue for the Elections Department so far, reports Elections Administrator Yvonne Ramón. Acceptable forms of identification include a valid Texas driver's license, identification cards, and certificates of naturalization and citizenship, among others. Registered voters who do not possess an acceptable photo identification card can apply for an Elections Identification Certificate at no cost from the Texas Department of Public Safety offices.

Hidalgo County residents now have the opportunity to use a new method to determine their precinct voting location; it's called "Hidalgo County Voter Lookup." Resident's type in their last name, first name and date of birth, and the application will provide them with their precinct number, polling location name, address and map. Residents who do not cast a ballot during early voting must vote at their precinct location on Election Day. To use Hidalgo County Voter Lookup, visit <http://apps.co.hidalgo.tx.us/voterlookup>.

Early voting begins Tuesday, February 18 and continues through Friday, February 28; Election Day is Tuesday, March 4. For more information on early voting schedules, locations and mobile voting sites; as well as Election Day schedules, locations and sample ballots, visit www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/elections.

Media interested in tracking the Early Vote unofficial totals on a daily basis can visit <http://co.hidalgo.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/18058>.

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