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HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK LAURA HINOJOSA APPOINTED TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Edinburg, Texas – Hidalgo County District Clerk, **Laura Hinojosa**, was appointed today as the newest member of the *Region VIII Legislative Committee* for the *County and District Clerk Association of Texas*. As a member, Hinojosa and her colleagues will represent the association at the Legislature of Texas and are empowered to use the name of the association in presenting the association's views to committees, legislative bodies and others. Hinojosa was appointed by the association's president and current Coryell County District Clerk, Janice Gray.

“As a member of this committee Mrs. Hinojosa will promote the adoption, amendment and maintenance of the constitution and statutes pertaining to the offices of the county clerks and the district clerks keeping in mind the best interest of the association members,” said Gray. “She will essentially be involved in the overall coordination of our legislative issues, particularly those pertaining to counties with over 150,000 in population. It's been quite some time since we last had a representative from the Hidalgo County District Clerk's Office in this committee. I am certain that Mrs. Hinojosa will be a great asset.”

The purpose of the County and District Clerk Association is to promote professional standards, to provide the means for the education of its members regarding the statutory and constitutional duties of the offices of the county clerk and the district clerk, and to participate in the legislative, judicial and executive processes of state government beneficial in the performance of the members' duties.

“I am honored to have been appointed to serve on this committee and I look forward to participating in the review and coordination of the association's legislative efforts,” said Hinojosa. “I am particularly excited that our region is being represented by both the county and district clerk simultaneously. Mr. Guajardo and I will work diligently with our state representatives to help assess and implement any legislation that represents the values of the association, its members and the County of Hidalgo.”

Hinojosa and Guajardo's duties became official upon the new president's installation. Ms. Janice Gray began her term in June 2007.

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