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HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK APPOINTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL - CHILD SUPPORT WORK GROUP

Edinburg, Texas – Hidalgo County District Clerk, **Laura Hinojosa**, was appointed today by the Texas Attorney General’s Office to serve on the *Child Support Work Group* for a two-year term. The 80th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 228 (effective 9/1/07), allowing the Office of the Attorney General to convene the work group to develop strategies to improve child support enforcement in the state.

“We are eager to benefit from Mrs. Hinojosa’s experience and her input in addressing the challenges presented in supporting children and families in Texas,” conveyed Alicia G. Keys, Deputy Attorney General for Child Support. “Her service on this work group will be valuable in helping the Office of the Attorney General further its goal in making the Texas child support program the best in the nation.”

Specifically, the group will:

- advise the Office of the Attorney General of the impact on counties that a proposed child support program or change may have;
- establish a state-county child support improvement program;
- advise the Office of the Attorney General on the operations of the state disbursement unit;
- plan for monetary incentives for county partnership programs;
- expand the number of agreements with counties for enforcement services; and
- work with relevant statewide associations on a model partnership agreement.

“I am honored to be able to serve our community through the Child Support Work Group. I commend the Attorney General’s office for their ongoing efforts in improving the functioning of the child support system to benefit our communities,” said Laura Hinojosa.

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