



## Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Person on Hidalgo County balloting committee tests positive for COVID-19**

**EDINBURG** –Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez issued the following statement Wednesday morning regarding the 2020 election:

“The county recently learned that a member of the Hidalgo County balloting committee has tested positive for COVID-19. The balloting committee is a group made up of Democratic and Republican appointees who observe the electoral process for compliance with state election law. While they do have certain functions ahead of Election Day, the bulk of their work occurs beginning on Election Day and beyond.

Our objective in conducting a successful election this year focuses on keeping all workers and voters safe. So we have advised the chairmen of the two parties that they should begin considering alternative appointees in case others on the balloting committee test positive for the coronavirus. The affected committee member is now in isolation. We do not anticipate that this development will affect the election process.”

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