



Good evening ladies, gentlemen and my dear family:

It warms my heart to see so many here tonight supporting our re-election bid for 2012.

We have moved forward greatly in the past 4 years because of supportive friends like you standing with me and doing your part.

I am most proud of the drainage improvements that have been undertaken that will protect our homes and business in Southeast Brownsville. My sincere thanks go out to Cameron County Drainage District #1 for this successful drainage project.

Over the past few years we have improved our parks, roads, constructed sidewalks around our schools for the first time ever, balanced our budget, improved Highway 48 boat ramp and dedicated it to the memory of Special Agent Jaime Zapata, made numerous improvements at South Padre Island and much more. Tonight, as I stand before you, you and I both know this is not enough and I pledge to continue to do more.

It has been my distinct honor to serve as your County Commissioner. I have traveled the roads of our Precinct and spoke to you about our dreams and challenges. I am excited and ready to continue the vision



we have set. I believe we are all given the power to use our own lives as instruments for good. I will strive for excellence and bring that excellence to you. United there is little we cannot do.

Today I unveil my pledges to you for the upcoming term:

- I pledge to those who live in colonias and poverty my best effort to help them help themselves for however long it takes. Not because I see votes but because it is the right thing to do.**
- I pledge to our neighbor to the south, Mexico, to be supportive of their efforts to end violence on the border and continue to form an alliance for progress for us all.**
- I pledge to support our institutions of higher learning at Texas Southmost College and University of Texas at Brownsville, as together we explore the stars, better teaching methods, eradicate disease and encourage the arts and commerce.**
- I pledge to work with our public school systems to continue the sidewalk project and better roads for the buses as well as participating in career days and TAKS pep rallies.**
- I pledge to continue to pave roads throughout the Precinct and work on other transportation projects such as a new rail project and the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates and the Brownsville/Matamoros Rail Project.**



- **I pledge to continue to work on drainage issues for Precinct 1 and other projects that will make us safer in the event we have a flood or hurricane.**
- **I pledge to work with the Port of Brownsville in support of their efforts to bring more industry and jobs to our area.**
- **I pledge to push for more grants to be submitted to bring much needed money and resources to help with new and ongoing projects.**
- **I pledge to help the Island to encourage more tourism that will equate to more jobs.**
- **And lastly I pledge to continue to have an open door policy at all times and always be accessible to you with your ideas and concerns.**

I am asking you to believe and hope in a better and brighter tomorrow. I want to continue to be your champion in the issues affecting Cameron County.

Once again I am proud to be your County Commissioner and I ask for your vote and support so we can keep on moving forward towards a future full of promise and opportunity, a future that makes us proud to say we are from Cameron County.



Let us go forth asking God's blessings and His help but realizing here on earth God's work must truly be our own.... God bless America and God bless all of us.