

David C. Stout El Paso County Commissioner Precinct 2

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 12, 2015

CONTACT: Alberto Halpern

(915) 546-2111

Commissioners Court to consider resolution opposing negative immigration legislation

El Paso – El Paso County Commissioners Court will consider adopting a resolution today stating the county's strong opposition to harmful legislation towards immigrants and border communities. Many local leaders offered input in drafting this resolution in order to send a loud and clear message to our state lawmakers.

"There are a number of draconian, anti-immigration and border security bills coming up in the Texas Legislature in the coming weeks. Because it is so important that the County weigh in on such bills, our County Attorney, Jo Anne Bernal, will be heading out to testify on our behalf," said Commissioner Stout.

"In order to provide Ms. Bernal with a strong message, and after speaking with Fernando Garcia from the Border Network for Human Rights, we decided to draft a resolution for the Court to approve and present to the State Legislature. We worked together with the Border Network for Human Rights to come up with a resolution that would speak to all sanctuary city, anti-immigration, and border security legislation that will be heard this session, and to let the legislature know exactly where I believe we stand on these issues," Commissioner Stout said.