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Simon Ortiz Announces Candidacy for County Commissioner, Pct. Two *Uvalde native promises homegrown solutions for Southwest Uvalde County*

UVALDE, Texas – Simon Ortiz officially announced today his candidacy for Uvalde County Commissioner, Precinct Two, pledging to provide effective representation and greater focus on the needs of the precinct and Uvalde County.

Ortiz, a Uvalde native, enters the race with a track record of more than 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry and government contracting. His campaign will center on a grassroots effort to unite Precinct Two into one powerful voice, emphasizing transparency and accountability to the voters.

“I am running for county commissioner because Precinct Two deserves experienced leadership that will not only identify problems, but will proactively look for solutions,” said Ortiz. “At the end of the day, I go back to my home in Southwest Uvalde County, and I am reminded of why I am running. I see how much work is needed in my community. That keeps fueling me to tackle the next issue.”

If elected, Ortiz says he will prioritize finding innovative solutions to the many infrastructure issues facing the precinct, and work to seek the most efficient use of tax revenue for the whole county through budget and operational studies. He will also advocate for more coordination and cohesion between all local government entities, which centers on his key belief that the county is stronger together.

“It’s time for a fresh vision and innovative ideas to improve the quality of life in the precinct and Uvalde County as a whole,” said Ortiz.

Ortiz’s background includes forming the Uvalde Southwest Neighborhood Association, a nonprofit advocacy group that lobbied to establish the City of Uvalde Grant Committee, of which Ortiz is the chair. He previously ran multiple businesses in the healthcare industry that focused on the quality of life of the low-income elderly and disabled population. He served for more than two decades on various boards, including the National Adult Day Health Services Association, where he chaired a committee that successfully lobbied Congress on several issues.

A Uvalde High School graduate, Ortiz attended Angelo State University, where he obtained a bachelor’s degree in accounting and business administration. He holds a certified public accountant (CPA) certificate from the state of Texas and is currently retired. Ortiz married a native Uvaldean, Guadalupe Ortiz, and has two children and two granddaughters. He is also a lector and choir member at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Neighbors can learn more about Ortiz’s vision for Uvalde County by visiting the Simon E. Ortiz for Uvalde County Commissioner Pct.2 Facebook and Instagram pages. People interested in joining the campaign or signing up to volunteer can send a direct message to the above pages.

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