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## **SAENZ TO RUN FOR TEXAS HOUSE**

*Democratic Challenger's Campaign Offers 'Hope To A Community United For Positive Change'*

(EDINBURG) -- Saying "it's a new day and a new direction," Edinburg engineer and community leader Eddie Saenz today announced that is running for the Texas House of Representatives District 40 seat in next year's Democratic primary.

"Our campaign offers hope to a community united for positive change," Saenz said. "It's a new day and a new direction."

Saenz, owner and chief executive officer of one of South Texas' leading civil engineering firms, is a recognized expert in helping cities, school districts, and other public entities improve their operations and basic services.

"As an engineer, I know something about repairing vital services," Saenz said. "That's the challenge we face today: repairing the trust that has been broken so our communities can get stronger and our working families can get the help they deserve."

Saenz said that six years into the current leadership in the Texas House, jobs are scarcer in South Texas, 1.4 million children statewide are without health insurance, public services are increasingly threatened with more cuts despite a record state budget surplus, and middle-class families are getting squeezed by soaring college tuition and homeowners' insurance rates that are twice the national average.

"The Republican leadership in the Texas House and their local allies betrayed our trust," Saenz said. "Families and small businesses know we can't afford more of the same. We need positive change -- now."

Saenz serves as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Edinburg Regional Medical Center and Edinburg Children's Hospital, an award-winning network of acute-care hospitals specializing in children's care and cardiovascular health. He also served as chairman of Avance, a non-profit organization whose focus is to strengthen families. Avance helped initiate the CHIP enrollment process in the valley.

Calling for a vigorous debate throughout the district, Saenz said he will make sure voters' top priorities are at the center of his campaign in the months ahead. Saenz is a former chairman of the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Border Infrastructure Coalition Transportation Committee, and the Edinburg 2020 Action Committee. A graduate of McAllen High, he earned his degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 1982. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. He and his wife and child live in Edinburg.

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