

Elect Gustavo C. Ruiz for Harlingen City Commission District # 1

A Message to my Friends and Neighbors: Harlingen City Commission District 1 Residents:

My name is Gustavo C. Ruiz, most people call me “Gus.” My family and I live inside of the District # 1 area. I would like to represent you, the residents of District # 1, in our Harlingen City Commission. I Am Asking For Your Help so that together we can move Harlingen in the right direction. For those of you who do not know me let me introduce myself. Despite being a new political candidate, I have been involved in Harlingen for many years.

As a child, I attended Zavala and Bonham Elementary, respectively. At Bonham, I was involved in a few extracurricular activities such as football, basketball, and track. Furthermore, I attended Vernon Jr. High and was involved in football, track, swim team, student council, and the National Junior Honor Society. Subsequently, I attended Harlingen High School where I participated in varsity swimming, track, and football. I graduated as a “Cardinal” in 1999 and then finished one semester of college at the University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA). As I journeyed through my formative years, I knew that public service was my calling—to help people help themselves. Accordingly, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

After finishing my initial active duty training, I moved back home to Harlingen and completed most of my undergraduate obligations at UTPA. In between that time, I worked at H-E-B Grocery Company where I attended the School of Retail Management. After the incidents of September 11, 2001 and only being 7 college hours shy of graduation, our nation called my battalion to service. As a result, I served one combat tour in Iraq in one of the most dangerous places— Al Anbar Province. During my tour, I served as an Infantry Fire Team Leader and Platoon Translator while conducting the first ever Iraqi Democratic Elections. I was fortunate to make it back home to Harlingen in March 2005 and finally obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Sociology (Cum Laude) from UTPA. After being honorably discharged from the Marines, I still maintained my call to public service. As such, I received a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law (Houston). Presently, I represent the citizens of Cameron County as an Assistant District Attorney.

I am married to Corina O. Ruiz who is a teacher at Stuart Place Elementary and father to Aaron E. (9) and Carolina E. Ruiz (3). We are members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The reason why I am a candidate and the reason why you are reading this letter is because We Both Care about the future of Harlingen. Using that common bond, together we can focus on the future of Harlingen.

As we walk the neighborhoods to meet residents of District # 1, I invite you to discuss with me some of the issues that concern you and we can discuss what I call; Progress and Stability: A New Vision For A Better Harlingen. This includes but is not limited to: fostering a business friendly Harlingen allowing to attract new businesses; keeping Harlingen money in Harlingen; supporting local business by apportioning city contracts to local merchants/professionals who provide goods and services; and more representation from residents of District # 1 on the different Harlingen Boards and Committees. I will not make any particular promise but I can make one general promise— I will work for the Best Interests of Harlingen. Thank You, and I Humbly Ask For Your Support and Vote during the upcoming Harlingen City Elections. Call me at (956) 792-0399 if you have any questions or if I can assist you in any way or if you need a ride to go vote.

Most Appreciative,
The Ruiz Family

Early Voting: April 26-May 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Harlingen City Hall for all precincts.
Extended Hours: April 28 and May 3 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Harlingen City Hall for all precincts.
Election Day: Saturday May 8, 2010 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Elect Gustavo C. Ruiz - 3rd on the Ballot
◇ larry galbreath
◇ basilio “chino” sanchez
• Gustavo C. Ruiz