

# County of Nueces

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**SAMUEL L. NEAL, JR.**

County Judge  
Nueces County Courthouse, Room 303  
901 Leopard Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-3697

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## COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SB 4

**WHEREAS**, the County of Nueces, Texas consists of diverse racial, ethnic, religious and national backgrounds, including a large immigrant population, as does the entire state of Texas; and,

**WHEREAS**, fostering a relationship of trust, respect and open communications between all government officials and the community is essential to the County of Nueces in delivering essential, efficient, culturally competent, diverse and non-discriminatory public services, ensuring public safety, public health, and maintaining strong communities, including immigrant communities as well as a prosperous economic environment, opportunity for our youth, and a quality of life with dignity and respect for all residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, discriminatory legislation such as Senate Bill 4 (State of Texas, 85<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session) will create a negative perception of our state, foment fear among our residents, and will be the impetus for a substantial loss to the economy via a decrease in tourism, and likely deter organizations to establish and expand operations, and discourage local and national organizations from hosting events in the state. The implementation of this legislation (SB 4) will dissuade the likelihood of securing these investments/events; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Nueces seeks to foster trust and community interaction in a number of ways, requesting or investigating immigration status during those interactions will create distrust and negatively impact community collaboration; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Nueces does not receive federal funding to compensate for the enforcement of federal immigration laws, SB 4 will create an increased burden to local law enforcement; and, the county is following all federal laws related to immigration enforcement, including Title 8, US Code, Section 1373; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, comprised of the sixty-nine largest law enforcement professionals have supported this position, explaining that local law enforcement professionals acting as federal immigration officials “would result in fomenting fear among Nueces County residents, increased crime against immigrants and in the broader community, create a class of silent victims and eliminate the potential for assistance from immigrants in solving crimes or preventing future “terroristic acts”; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Nueces and the Nueces County Sheriffs' office mission is to enforce criminal laws, not federal civil immigration laws and SB 4 is a federal matter outside of the County of Nueces' jurisdiction; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Nueces seeks to maintain the right of self-governance, particularly on matters of public safety; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY**, hereby goes on record, strongly opposing the implementation of SB 4 (scheduled to go into effect September 1, 2017), opposing efforts to further undermine local control on such issues that are properly federal issues, and sharing this opposition with other municipalities and counties (particularly cities and counties involved in litigation and defense).

**DULY ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.**

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**KARA SANDS**, County Clerk