

**HIDALGO COUNTY CHAPTER
MEXICAN-AMERICANS FOR POLITICAL ACTION
April 25, 1961**

Dear Friend:

A meeting of MAPA will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 1961 at 7:30 P. M. at the County Courthouse Auditorium in Edinburg. This meeting will be for the following purposes:

1. To consider whether we favor changing the name of MAPA to PASO (Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations). The name PASO was adopted at a meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, several weeks ago. This change will also be considered at a statewide meeting which will probably be held in San Antonio on May 7.
2. To hear a report from R. P. Sanchez on the Phoenix, Arizons meeting where PASO was set up on a national basis with Dr. Hector P. Garcia of Corpus Christi as National Chairman.
3. To hear a report on the backstage political maneuvering by Vice President Johnson, Senator Ralph Yarborough and Senator William Blakley with respect to the selection of Attorney Reynaldo Garza of Brownsville over Judge E. D. Salinas of Laredo as Federal District Judge.
4. To give preliminary consideration to the U. S. Senate Run-off Election which will be held on May 27. In this respect a statewide meeting will be held in San Antonio on May 7 at which Mr. William Blakley and Mr. John Tower will be invited to speak.

As far as the Spanish-speaking voters are concerned, we have three choices in ~~this~~ Election: (1) To support Tower; (2) To support Blakley; or (3) To stay home and go about our business.

To help you think about what is best to do in this race, I am enclosing a copy of an editorial that appeared in the April 15, 1961 issue of The Texas Observer, a liberal weekly newspaper published in Austin and generally considered as the unofficial organ of the liberal movement in Texas.

You are invited and urged to attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Ed Idar, Jr., Chairman
Hidalgo County Chapter of MAPA

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