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## **Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. and Rep. Eddie Lucio III to host ethics symposium for candidates and elected officials Sunday**

**BROWNSVILLE** - This Sunday, March 2, 2014, from 1 to 6 p.m., Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D-Brownsville) and Representative Eddie Lucio III (D-Harlingen), in partnership with the Texas Ethics Commission, will host an Ethics Training Symposium at Texas State Technical College's campus in Harlingen. The symposium, which will feature Texas Ethics Commission staff, as well as representatives from state law enforcement and the news media, is intended to educate local elected officials about current law related to ethical governance, and consequences for unethical behavior.

"In order to sustain an enduring, vibrant democracy, it is vitally important that our citizens have the utmost confidence in the integrity of their elected officials at all levels of government. I fear that, especially in light of multiple public corruption cases along the border region in recent years, that confidence has been shaken. I nevertheless firmly believe that individuals holding public office do so out of a deeply-held desire to serve the common good. I encourage local elected officials to attend Sunday's symposium, learn from a panel of knowledgeable presenters, and reaffirm their commitment to good government along the border," Senator Lucio said.

"Holding public office is both an honor and a privilege that should be done with the highest integrity and accountability. While instances of corruption have occurred because of poor judgment, individuals holding public office should educate themselves in order to prevent ethical violations. I believe our public officials serve because of a sense of civic duty; this symposium will serve to help them navigate the law regarding ethical governance and behavior," Rep. Lucio said.

The event is free and open to candidates and office holders. Interested attendees should RSVP to [Miguel.Sarkis@Senate.state.tx.us](mailto:Miguel.Sarkis@Senate.state.tx.us).

An agenda and promotional flyer for the symposium are attached.

**What:** Ethics Training Symposium, hosted by Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. and Rep. Eddie Lucio III in partnership with the Texas Ethic Commission.  
**When:** Sunday, March 2, 2014; 1 to 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Texas State Technical College Harlingen  
University Center, Lecture Hall  
1902 North Loop 499, Harlingen, Texas 78550 (Google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/J5MDe>)

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