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## **Senator César J. Blanco Appointed to Texas Sunset Advisory Commission**

**Austin, Texas** – Today, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick announced Texas State Senator César Blanco (D-El Paso) has been appointed to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission. Notably, this appointment marks the first time in 17 years that an El Paso senator has been appointed to this important Commission.

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, founded in 1977, is a pivotal state commission promoting government efficiency. Its mission is to identify and eliminate waste, redundancy, and inefficiency in state agencies. Through comprehensive evaluations, the Commission determines whether an agency should continue to exist, undergo improvement, or be abolished, consolidated, or restructured.

The Commission consists of 12 members: 5 senators and 1 public member appointed by the lieutenant governor, alongside 5 representatives and 1 public member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives. Legislative members serve four-year terms, while public members serve two-year terms.

Some state agencies under Sunset Review this cycle include the Real Estate Commission, the Ethics Commission, the Lottery Commission, the Department of Information Resources, and the Department of Criminal Justice. Next cycle will be focused on workforce development and health and human services agencies.

### **Senator César J. Blanco issued the following statement:**

“I am deeply honored that Lt. Governor Patrick has entrusted me to serve on the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission and I am grateful to him for giving El Paso and Far West Texas a voice on how state government can better serve our communities and constituents.

“I look forward to bringing the perspectives of El Paso and Far West Texas back to this important Commission and ensuring that state agencies are efficient, transparent, and responsive to the needs of our families and taxpayers.”

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