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Our office moved to dismiss all voter fraud cases seeking to enforce the residency requirement in the Texas Election Code, including all charges against the defendants accused of voter fraud in the 2017 City of Edinburg Municipal Election.

In 2018, the Texas Attorney General's Office asked for our assistance in the investigation and possible prosecution of individuals who illegally voted in the 2017 City of Edinburg Municipal Election. As the investigation progressed, there was strong evidence that several individuals violated the law, but more importantly, there was compelling evidence this was an organized effort to commit a crime. Our duty required us to present these cases to a grand jury and the individuals were indicted.

During the trial of the State of Texas v. Richard Molina, this evidence was presented. Physical evidence was presented in the form of signed documents, recordings and text messages. Witnesses testified to their participation in the scheme admitting their guilt and collusion with the defendant. And the defendant himself took the stand and admitted guilt while claiming he was mistaken about the law. Despite this compelling evidence, a jury acquitted the defendant. Although shocked and disappointed at the outcome, we respect the decision of the jury.

We believe the jury is the conscious of the community. We applaud them when we win and should likewise do so when we don't. Because the community has spoken on this issue and due to the controversial status of the election law at this time, we believe justice demands that we dismiss all charges against the defendants charged in these cases.