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## September 22, 2016 Press Release:

### **Sergio Contreras announced as President & Executive Director for the RGV Partnership**

The Rio Grande Valley Partnership is pleased to announce that Sergio Contreras, Executive Director of the Pharr Economic Development Corporation (PEDC), has been selected to serve as the next President & Executive Director. He succeeds previous President, Julian Alvarez, who was recently appointed to the Texas Workforce Commission by Governor Greg Abbott.

The RGV Partnership brings business leaders, influencers, and policy makers together in an independent forum to advance prosperity in our Valley, Texas, and the world.

Mr. Contreras brings experience in economic development, management, and legislative affairs. His experience helped shape the course of AT&T's success in serving the growing South Texas market as well as make an impact on the City of Pharr.

Mr. Contreras has an impressive record of non-profit service. He has served as executive board member at the American Cancer Society - Laredo, the United Way-Laredo, The San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, American Cancer Society-Laredo, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, the San Antonio West Chamber of Commerce, and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

**“Sergio is uniquely qualified to lead the RGV Partnership in a time when our Valley needs bold leadership to unite and focus our efforts on the greater good. His vision aligns perfectly with the Partnership’s mission to advance prosperity to everyone with a stake in our regional economy,” said Anabell Cardona, Board Chairwoman.**

The RGV Partnership’s transition team is excited to bring Mr. Contreras aboard and has done an exemplary job of setting the stage for a historic year.

Questions and inquiries are welcome at 956-968-3141 or by email, [sandra@valleychamber.com](mailto:sandra@valleychamber.com)

**Best Regards,**



**Anabell C. Cardona  
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