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Statement on the Results of the 2016 Presidential Election

McAllen, TX – The Advocacy Alliance Center of Texas recognizes 2016 as an encouraging year for voter participation in the Rio Grande Valley. The wonderful part of our democracy is that politics aside, we all agree that there is no greater power than the right and privilege to vote! It is through voting that we select local, state, and national leaders to work on solving our nation’s most difficult problems and most important, ensure that everyone’s voice is heard.

AACT would like to congratulate the communities of South Texas and its partners for the historic increase in voter engagement in the 2016 election. Voter registration numbers rose to a record high in the Rio Grande Valley. According to the local election departments, the RGV experienced a considerable increase of more than 22% in voter turnout across the four-county region. These promising statistics, combined with the fact that approximately half of registered voters cast a ballot, clearly portray the growing civic engagement and power of the RGV. These ground-breaking numbers are a bright spot of this election season and a reaffirmation of just how far we have come as a community in showcasing the growing importance of RGV Voters in shaping our nation’s future. We are so proud that South Texas voters exercised their rights to vote. Voting is an investment in our communities that affords us the means of securing attention from administrators and policy makers that have the power to prioritize the issues that impact us the most.

We extend our congratulations to all incoming and re-elected officials serving in public office. We also thank everyone for your tireless efforts to get the vote out in 2016. Although there is much work to be done to continue to increase voter engagement and turnout, we are well on our way. We challenge our partners and community to stay engaged. Our collective voice is more important now than ever before.

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AACT is a non-profit, non-partisan organization established to increase voter turnout in South Texas. For more information regarding AACT, please call (956) 664-2228 or visit www.aactnow.org.

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