

Official Announcement of Mary Jane Salgado for the Position of Mayor of the City of Eagle Pass



Mary Jane Salgado has given the Eagle Pass Chronicles permission to announce her candidacy for Mayor of the City of Eagle Pass. Mrs. Salgado, a former City Councilwoman, currently works as an Economic Developer for the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, is a realtor with MJC Real Estate and co-owns SouthBound Property Management, Inc. d/b/a SouthBound Texas Coffee House and Saloon. Salgado earned her Bachelor of Business Administration Degree and Master of Education at Sul Ross State University.

Mrs. Salgado expressed her desire to become Mayor of the City of Eagle Pass in order to address the community needs it is facing today, “Overall real estate development projects are down, the number of new commercial permits can be better, small businesses are closing, specialists in the areas of medicine, education, veterinary and their families are moving away these are concerns that we, as a community need to address sooner rather than later and not just for today but also in preparation of Eagle Pass’s future. This is can be done with long-term planning and thinking strategically about our future. As Mayor, I will solicit viewpoints from all areas of our community so that the strategic plan is reflective of the community’s views...it is after all... our community. I will advocate for international commerce, implement energy efficient ways to save the tax payer money, and capitalize on tourism. Further, we should look into leveraging regional partnerships with the Independent School District, the County, the Council of Governments and the entire Middle Rio Grande region, so that the results of such efforts yield mutually beneficial results. Together, we can seek out funding sources for our projects that are available for cities our size at the state and federal levels.”

Salgado feels that opportunities are endless for the community of Eagle Pass and Maverick County. “As the Hispanic population continues to expand in the United States, I see Eagle Pass as a microcosm of the future of the U.S. As the U.S. grows, so goes our community. We have an opportunity to showcase the best of what America has to offer by way of our successes including our children, our businesses, our teachers, our historic main street project, the Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino, our college campus, skilled and educated workforce and more; and combine it with the best that our neighbors in Piedras Negras and Mexico have to offer.”

She also will take the issues of transparency serious while working to keep an ethical city government. “We, as citizens of Eagle Pass, are entitled to a city government that is accountable for our taxes and offers transparency throughout the process. I hope I speak

for the majority of the citizens when I state that success and prosperity are opportunities of wealth for all the citizens of Eagle Pass, not just for the same special interest group. The citizens deserve this change and shame of those who believe this should continue. Opportunities such as appointments to local boards and committees should be reflective of the entire community including some new faces and new perspectives. We can also blend in the wisdom and ideas of our long time residents that will bring in a historical perspective. All city boards and committees will be pro-active and will represent all.”

Salgado believes that building a vibrant community and successful city operation starts with its people. She also has been known to speak of the need to be able to retain educated, trained and skilled employees and compensate them accordingly. “Our city government needs to make sure all employment practices at City Hall are based on equal opportunity, merit and meet qualifications for each specific job. I will advocate and seek out new avenues of income revenues for our city’s infrastructure and its skilled/trained workforce in all the city departments,” stated Salgado.

She added, “As your Mayor, I will advocate the need to build an effective police station and sub stations within the community and support a highly trained and equipped police force to uphold respect and justice and keep our city safe. And I will also advocate for funding research that is available for all first responders to include our Fire Fighters and EMS personnel. The city can attract new businesses, retain a dynamic workforce and become that model city. This can be a reality, once we finish the repair of our city streets, complete the retention ponds before the next floods, maintain and support our city parks and recreational activities, support a community animal shelter, and take responsibility together as citizens in keeping our city attractive. Once this is obtainable, then we as elected officials must collaborate in bringing in new industry and businesses to create jobs.”

Being the second child born out of eight children, Salgado credits her parents for her strong commitment to family. Mary Jane’s entrepreneurial spirit is due primarily to her father who built the family-business, Southwestern Security Services, Inc. and her community activism to her mother who, in addition to raising her family of eight, also managed a local community action center in the city of Midland. Salgado’s community activism led to assisting in the development of the Leadership Eagle Pass program; initiation of the “Paint the Town” Project; and by working alongside of diehard friends to form the Candles for Life non-profit cancer assistance organization. Former Councilwoman Salgado has served on numerous local and state boards and as advocated for many humanitarian projects and causes. She is currently a Governor Perry appointee to the State Board of Nursing and the Texas Rural Leadership Board.

The Mayoral candidate is married to her husband of thirty years, Adan Salgado and together has raised their three children in Eagle Pass. Their son, Sergio, attended Baylor University and is co-owner and operates SouthBound Texas, Inc., and is married to Lizette Benavidez, a respiratory therapist at Ft. Duncan Medical Center. They have a one and half year old daughter, Madylin. Their second son, Steven, a graduate of UTSA is an editor for American Funds, is married to Jeannie Castillo, of Corpus Christi, she is a staff accountant at the Wayne Wright Law Office. They are expecting their first born in June and reside in San Antonio; and their third, daughter, Sophia, who recently completed her higher education at the University of Texas at Austin.

Salgado has served many roles as a citizen of Eagle Pass and can validate the need for the voters support in the May 8th election. “I was a softball mom, a football mom, a soccer mom, I am your neighbor, your friend, your co-worker, I am small business owner whose business you support, I am an advocate for building leaders, advocate for cancer victims and a cure. I am daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother and grandmother; I am a person like you. I care for this community and its need to become healthy and prosperous for our generations to come. I may be many things, but one thing I am not, that is able to do this alone. I ask for your support and your vote on this very important Election Day. It’s time to pay attention to **our** city and break away from the same rhetoric. Together we must care for ***Our Community, Our Way***”.