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## SANCHEZ IS ONCE AGAIN THE TOP VOTE GETTER IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

**Houston, TX – November 5, 2014:** Harris County Treasurer Orlando Sanchez was re-elected to a 3<sup>rd</sup> term in office on Tuesday, November 4. He defeated his Democratic opponent with the highest number of votes in a non-judicial county race contested by two major political parties, including Governor-elect Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor-elect Dan Patrick and U.S. Senator John Cornyn. (See chart below)

Sanchez, who ran for Mayor of Houston in 2001, in an historic race that turned out more voters than any other race in Houston history - including an unprecedented 18% of Hispanic voter turnout, continues to receive strong support from voters.

"I'm proud and thankful to have the support of so many voters in our diverse community of Harris County! I'll continue to work hard and to keep a watchful eye over our government's spending and insure transparency on all issues," said Sanchez.

Sanchez ran on a platform of fiscal responsibility, integrity and transparency. He has won several national transparency awards for his County Treasurer website and has reduced his budget since first taking office in 2007.



#### Top Vote-Getters Harris County Non-Judicial Races (With Major Party Opponent)

Source: Cumulative Report 11/5/2014 12:07 am (http://www.election.co.harris.tx.us/Cumulative/cumulative.pdf)

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### About Orlando Sanchez:



Orlando Sanchez came to Houston in 1962 when his father was hired by former Harris County Judge Roy Hofheinz to be the Spanish announcers for the Colt 45s Baseball Club and then the Houston Astros. Sanchez grew up in southwest Houston and graduated from Bellaire High School before joining the U.S. Air Force in 1976. After his tour he enlisted in the 147th Fighter Interceptor Group of the Texas Air National Guard at the then-named Ellington Field.

He graduated cum laude from the University of Houston with a degree in political science and embarked on a career as a public servant, first as a three-term Houston City Council member and then as Harris County Treasurer. Orlando was named the University of Houston's College of Social Sciences Distinguished Alumnus. Orlando also sits on the Harris County Bail Bonds Board, is a member of the Board of Directors of Capital Bank, a life member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the 100 Club of Houston and is a former advisory member of the University of Houston Law School Foundation and current advisory member of Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers-Southwest (VIC-SW), an organization that provides free one-on-one assistance to the frail and elderly in southwest Houston through a network of volunteers who provide services. In addition, he has been member of the Council on Foreign Relations for 10 years and of the British–American Project since 1997.

In 1995 Orlando was elected to serve as a member of the Houston City Council. He was the first Latino immigrant elected to a city-wide position in Houston. He served three terms and helped his colleagues pass the first property tax cut in decades. Orlando also chaired the city's International Trade Committee, the Legislative Affairs Committee and chaired the Cellular Tower Working Committee.

He has served on the Texas Attorney General's Municipal Advisory Committee and was appointed to the U.S. Senate Task Force on Hispanic Affairs.

Orlando has one daughter, Aubrie, a graduate from Boston University.

#### For additional information, please visit: www.orlandosanchez.com