



# U.S. Senator Ted Cruz set to visit Valley

## RGV Partnership welcomes first trip to region since election

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY** – U.S. Senator Ted Cruz will address hundreds of regional leaders at a Rio Grande Valley Partnership luncheon and meet with local officials as part of his first visit to the region since taking office eight months ago.

The event will take place **Tuesday Sept. 3 at the Cimarron County Club in Mission. The program is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m.**

The RGV Partnership has regularly hosted Texas Congressional leaders to inform them of the region's priorities and concerns, and to provide Partnership members and Valley residents access to federal officials. RGV Partnership President and CEO Julian Alvarez said it is honor to host the Honorable Ted Cruz in his maiden visit to the region as a Senator.

“Senator Cruz is a friend of the Rio Grande Valley and we welcome him,” said Alvarez. “The Senator has a great understanding of business and trade and we look forward to hearing from him. We also appreciate him very much for making time to listen.”

Senator Cruz, a Houston Republican, was elected Senator in November 2012 and took office in January 2013 as the 34<sup>th</sup> U.S. Senator from Texas. He has been lauded by numerous national publications and conservative leaders as a passionate fighter for limited government, economic growth and as an expert on the Constitution.

During his election campaigns, Senator Cruz visited the Valley several times and knows the region well from his time as Solicitor General of Texas serving under Attorney General Greg Abbott in Austin. He was the state's first Hispanic Solicitor General, akin to being Texas' chief attorney before the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Leaders in the Rio Grande Valley have played an integral role in keeping Texas on the map as one of the strongest economies in the nation,” said Sen. Cruz. “Washington can learn a lot from what this region is doing in terms of job creation and economic growth, and I look forward to my first trip there as a U.S. Senator.”

In the U.S. Senate, Cruz serves on the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; the Committee on Armed Services; the Committee on the Judiciary; the Special Committee on Aging; and the Committee on Rules and Administration. For more information or how get help with an issue or schedule a meeting go to [www.cruz.senate.gov](http://www.cruz.senate.gov) and click on the appropriate section.

For media access to a press conference with Senator Cruz immediately after the luncheon contact **Rachel Reyes at (956)454-2311 or by email at [rachel@valleychamber.com](mailto:rachel@valleychamber.com)**. Media avail starts 12:30 p.m in the Orchid room.