



**RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO**

El Paso County Judge

January 7, 2019

Director  
Office on Violence Against Women  
145 N Street, NE  
Suite 10 W. 100  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Director:

This letter serves to certify that, in fulfillment of the statutory applicant requirement, El Paso County, will:

Ensure that the organizational policies of the applicant do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims being physically present in the same place, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking is alleged.

Sincerely,

Ricardo A. Samaniego  
El Paso County Judge