

**FORT BEND COUNTY RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF  
HOUSE BILL 958  
ALLOWING COMMUNITIES IN HOUSTON’S EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION TO  
PETITION FOR DETACHMENT**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Houston has a large and highly populated extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) located in Fort Bend County; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Houston is limited in their annexation authority, within a county with a population the size of Fort Bend County, due to the passage of Senate Bill 6 in the 2017 Special Session, making annexation of any populated ETJ in Fort Bend County nearly impossible; and

**WHEREAS**, Constituents residing in Houston’s ETJ in Fort Bend County have expressed an interest in removing themselves from Houston’s jurisdiction with the goal of joining another city, forming their own city, or remaining wholly unincorporated and out of any municipal jurisdiction ; and

**WHEREAS**, Constituents in Houston’s ETJ in Fort Bend County have expressed their desire for the Texas Legislature to give them a clear path to petition out of Houston’s ETJ; and

**WHEREAS**, Houston’s inability to annex populated areas in their ETJ of a county with the population size of Fort Bend County puts an undue burden and restrictions on county taxpayers and on constituents residing in areas that will never be annexed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Fort Bend County Commissioners Court supports House Bill 958; legislation that will allow populated areas within Houston’s ETJ of Fort Bend County to petition for detachment from Houston’s ETJ.

PASSED and APPROVED on January 29, 2019.

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County Judge KP George

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Commissioner Vincent Morales, Pct. 1

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Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct. 2

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Commissioner W. A. “Andy” Meyers, Pct. 3

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Commissioner Ken R. DeMerchant, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

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Laura Richard, County Clerk