

FORT BEND COUNTY RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 957**

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOUSTON AND MUNICIPAL
UTILITY DISTRICTS IN FORT BEND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the city of Houston annexes for limited purposes areas within its Extra-territorial Jurisdiction unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County (ETJ) but does not provide any governmental services or allow for proper representation by officials elected by the voters of the affected areas; and,

WHEREAS, Houston levies a one cent sales tax through Strategic Partnership Agreements (SPA) with Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs), collecting an estimated \$16 million in 2018 in Fort Bend County, sharing the sales tax revenue with the MUDs on a 50-50 basis; and,

WHEREAS, a sales tax is a general tax, paid by the general public and the revenue from a sales tax should be used for general purposes to benefit the residents paying the sales tax; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation will require that a portion of funds collected through future SPAs fund government services for the area taxpayers who are paying the tax; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Fort Bend County supports House Bill 957; legislation requiring a portion of future SPA revenue collected by Houston to be spent in the area where the sales taxes are collected for the purposes of benefiting the general public in Houston’s ETJ in Fort Bend County.

PASSED and APPROVED on January 29, 2019.

County Judge KP George

Commissioner Vincent Morales, Pct. 1

Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct. 2

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

Commissioner Ken R. DeMerchant, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk