

FORT BEND COUNTY RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 681
MODIFICATIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 387, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO
EXCLUDE TERRITORY FROM A COUNTY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Local Government Code Chapter 387 gives counties the authority to create County Assistance Districts for the purpose of levying a sales tax and spending the sales tax revenue on government services within a defined district; and

WHEREAS, The governing body of a municipality, under current legislation, has the authority to exclude the area of a proposed County Assistance District that would be in a municipality’s city limits or Extra-jurisdictional Jurisdiction (ETJ); and

WHEREAS, Municipalities can currently enter into Strategic Partnership Agreements with special districts and levy a sales tax in the unincorporated area of the county without notifying counties of their intentions; and

WHEREAS, Resident Voters in the unincorporated areas cannot vote for any city officials but do vote for county officials, who are their duly elected local representatives through whom the resident voters speak; and

WHEREAS, Resident voters have no voice when government officials, who they cannot vote for, are able to void the actions of government, i.e. county, officials who they can vote for; and

WHEREAS, County governments should not have to seek approval from a governing body that county constituents cannot vote for or against, creating a situation that silences the voices of the resident voters and does not serve the best interests of the residents living inside a municipal extra-territorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 681 provides that the area of a County Assistance District that a municipality fully annexes will be removed from the boundaries of the County Assistance District allowing the municipality to levy and collect a sales tax to provide government services to the area the municipality annexes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fort Bend County Commissioners Court supports House Bill 681.

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