

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A MASTER INTERPRETER**

WHEREAS, the State of Texas currently requires that any person providing court-related interpreter services hold a license as a Master Interpreter; and

WHEREAS, this requirement limits the number of available interpreters and could potentially delay the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, any person licensed as a Basic Interpreter License or licensed as an interpreter eligible to provide those services in Federal courts are sufficiently qualified; and

WHEREAS, legislation is necessary to eliminate or modify the State requirement of having a Master Interpreter present for LEP arrestees and other defendants and allow the use of a subscription language line for magistration; a Basic Licensed, or Federal licensed interpreter in court; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County supports legislation to eliminate or modify the State requirement of having a Master Interpreter present for LEP arrestees and other defendants and allow the use of a subscription language line for magistration; a Basic Licensed, or Federal licensed interpreter in court

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner’s Court this 29th day of January, 2019.

By: _____
KP George
County Judge

By: _____
Vincent Morales
Commissioner Pct. 1

By: _____
James “Grady” Prestage
Commissioner Pct. 2

By: _____
W. A. “Andy” Meyers
Commissioner Pct. 3

By: _____
Ken R. DeMerchant
Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk