

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SINGLE MEMBER SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD) is Texas' seventh largest school district with close to 76,000 students and spans 80 campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, FBISD is one of the most culturally diverse school districts in the state of Texas. The student population is 27% African American, 27% Asian/Pacific Islander, 26% Hispanic and 16% White. In a 80% majority-minority district there is only one African American trustee, no Asians and no Hispanics; and

**WHEREAS**, Out of the top eight school districts in Texas, only two do not have single member districts. FBISD being one of those. The outdated at-large system is no longer beneficial to our students and families; and

**WHEREAS**, The strengths of single-member districts rest in close ties between representatives and constituents, the accountability of representatives to the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, Single-member districts will give voters the power to elect trustees who reflect themselves and will work constructively with others. Fort Bend County state representatives, county commissioners, constables and city council members are all elected from single member districts; and

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 187 and S.B. 509 will allow Fort Bend Independent School District to elect one trustee at large and the remaining trustees will be elected from single-member trustee districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:

THAT ON MARCH 12, 2019, THE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, MEETING AS A BODY IN RICHMOND, TEXAS, ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION AND URGES THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT SINGLE MEMBER SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS IN FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SIGNED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019

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K.P. GEORGE  
COUNTY JUDGE

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VINCENT MORALES  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

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ANDY MEYERS  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

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JAMES "GRADY" PRESTAGE  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

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KEN R. DEMERCHANT  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:

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LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK