

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

Resolution In Support of Flood Mitigation Efforts

WHEREAS, flooding incidents cost the United States at least \$54 billion annually; and,

WHEREAS, flooding is a leading cause for fatalities caused by “hydro-meteorological disasters” in Texas, including Galveston & Harris County; and

WHEREAS, abnormal flood levels can jeopardize the industries coastal industries, causing abruptions to plastic production and fuel as well as the loss of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, all residents regardless of background feel the impact of weather events such as flooding, but a disproportionate impact is felt by the most marginalized communities; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County experienced significant amounts of rainfall and flooding over the years from weather incidents, the Brazos River, and more; and,

WHEREAS, during Hurricane Harvey 20% of the landed in Fort Bend County flooded affecting 200,000 residents in many ways; and,

WHEREAS, the Brazos River, 11th largest in the United States, runs through the heart of Fort Bend County experiencing significant erosion causing damages to infrastructure of up to \$8 billion and affecting over 700,000 residents; and,

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

This 15th day of December 2020, the **Fort Bend County Commissioners Court**, meeting as a body in Richmond, Texas:

1. Supports all efforts to increase flood mitigation grant funding and eligibility options for counties to qualify
2. Supports the creation of special district(s) by the Legislature or otherwise with voter approval to mitigate flooding and natural disasters
3. Supports regional efforts to make Southeast Texas more flood and weather resilient

SIGNED, THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

County Judge KP George

Commissioner Vincent Morales, Precinct 1

Commissioner Grady Prestage, Precinct 2

Commissioner Andy Meyers, Precinct 3

Commissioner Ken DeMerchant, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk