

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND       §

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FORT BEND SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP**

**Whereas;** creating prosperity for all Fort Bend County residents by reducing energy waste, minimizing carbon pollution, preparing for climate risks, and protecting our air and water resources is essential; and

**Whereas;** the green technology and sustainability market is expected to be a \$36.31 Billion industry by 2025 and Fort Bend County is committed to becoming a leader in environmental sustainability; and

**Whereas;** a low carbon county is achieved through processes, strategies, practices, tools, and institutional structures that promote collaboration between local governments, industry, academia, and non-profit constituencies to develop and implement long-term, deep reductions in carbon emissions; and

**Whereas;** low carbon counties improve their environmental sustainability, social capital and economic mobility through growth in clean energy industries and workforce development opportunities; and

**Whereas;** special consideration should be made to engage families living in under-resourced communities in Fort Bend to help craft solutions addressing energy insecurity, air and water pollution, green job creation and closing the green energy gap.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 1:** The County Judge’s Office is directed to establish a Fort Bend Sustainability Working Group (“Working Group”) to build awareness and support for climate solutions by inspiring and empowering local organizations and communities with actionable information, engagement tools, grant funding opportunities and best practice resource; and

**Section 2:** The Working Group shall be inclusive of, and open to, input and dialogue with industry leaders, environmental researchers, and environmentally concerned community organizations, and will work to develop and maintain input and dialogue with the broader Fort Bend Community; and

**Section 3:** The Working Group shall develop a Sustainability Plan that communicates an energy efficiency vision; drives energy efficiency in the utility, commercial and industrial sectors; encourages energy efficient transportation; scales up energy efficiency in buildings; positively impacts under-resourced communities; and promotes abundant clean energy solutions.

ADOPTED by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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KP George, County Judge

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Commissioner, Precinct 1

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