

CLOSED SESSION REQUEST

Place on Agenda (Date): 8/8/2023

Requested by: Regulatory Division

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- I. Agenda wording: Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Department of Justice (Civil Rights Division) Complaint No. 171-76-19

- II. Background:
This is a pending litigation case. The Department of Justice (DOJ) received complaints that alleged the Fort Bend County Courts at Law and District Courts (FBC Courts) denied limited English proficient (LEP) individuals meaningful access to court programs and activities. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) ended a DOJ investigation of Court practices initiated after receipt of a complaint alleging discrimination based on national origin.

- III. Alternatives:
None

- IV. Recommendation:
Discussion of current liability issues related to Language Access Plan in Fort Bend County District and County Courts at Law.

- V. Motion:
n/a

Complete and Distribute by noon on the Friday before the Commissioners Court Meeting containing the Closed Session item.

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