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The Honorable KP George
Fort Bend County Judge
301 Jackson Street
Richmond, TX 77469

Re: Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 9
Subject: Request for extension to file 2023 audit

Dear Judge George:

This office is counsel for Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 9.

You may recall that Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 9 ("FBESD 9") was created at an election in May 2022. The FY 2023 audit is the first full audit for FBESD 9.

As required under Chapter 775, Health & Safety Code, an ESD must complete an audit of its financial records, and submit the report to the Commissioner's Court by June 1. However, there is provided a 30-day extension, and the Commissioner's Court, "on application made to the commissioners court by the district, may extend up to an additional 30 days the deadline for filing the audit report."

Because this report is the first full year of operation requiring a full audit, there may be some extra time needed for the auditor to complete the audit by June 1. Accordingly, I would request that the Commissioners Court extend the audit filing deadline for FBESD 9 for 30 days, to July 1, 2024.

Kindly process and present this extension request to Commissioners Court for approval for an upcoming Commissioners Court agenda in accordance with your customary procedures.

Thank you for your assistance and kind attention.

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cc: The Honorable Grady Prestage, County Commissioner