

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 2998 REQUIRING VOTER
APPROVAL FOR MASS PESTICIDE APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, House Bill 2998 has been introduced in the Texas Legislature, proposing to require voter approval for any mass pesticide application by municipalities or counties; and

WHEREAS, the requirement for voter approval would significantly delay the ability of Fort Bend County to respond to public health threats, including disease outbreaks caused by mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile virus and Zika virus; and

WHEREAS, without the ability to promptly spray for mosquito control based on scientific mosquito trap counts, the health and safety of Fort Bend County residents would be placed at risk; and

WHEREAS, herbicides are classified as pesticides under this bill, which would greatly impact Fort Bend County Road and Bridge operations and their ability to maintain roadways and public spaces efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the language of House Bill 2998 is vague and does not clarify whether voter approval would be required for each individual pesticide application or for a general application policy; and

WHEREAS, the unfunded mandate imposed by House Bill 2998 would require the county to coordinate a voting process for pesticide applications, creating an administrative and financial burden on multiple county departments and diverting resources from other essential services; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of its residents through responsible pest and vegetation management practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court:

OPPOSES HOUSE BILL 2998 AND URGES THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO REJECT THIS BILL IN ITS ENTIRETY AND PROTECT A COUNTY'S ABILITY TO EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY MANAGE PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS AND INFRASTRUCTION MAINTENANCE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to members of the Texas Legislature representing Fort Bend County, as well as other relevant state officials, to express the county's opposition to House Bill 2998.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

KP George, County Judge

Vincent Morales, Commissioner Precinct 1 Grady Prestage, Commissioner Precinct 2

Andy Meyers, Commissioner Precinct 3 Dexter L. McCoy, Commissioner Precinct 4

Attest:

Laura Richard, County Clerk

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