

## Fort Bend County Resolution – Appraisal Caps

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature places a long list of responsibilities on counties to provide vital functions of government; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature mandates that Fort Bend County provide many services but provides no State funding except for a few small grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the appraisal district determines the market value of each taxable property in a fair and uniform manner; and

WHEREAS, Texas currently has a 10 percent cap on homesteads; and

WHEREAS, lower appraisal caps benefit a few homeowners while increasing the taxes of many other property owners; and

WHEREAS, such caps have an adverse impact on the real estate market, driving prices up and reducing turnover; and

WHEREAS, such caps distort the local economy and form a barrier to entry for new businesses; and

WHEREAS, there are other options such as increased homestead exemptions that more closely target those segments of communities that may need help.

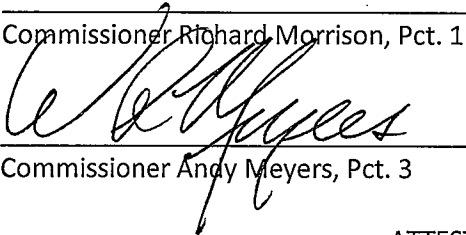
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Fort Bend County Commissioners Court on this the 2nd day of March, 2015, does hereby express its opposition to efforts limiting local control of local government and does hereby oppose any attempts to impose appraisal caps upon Texas counties, and the Commissioners Court expresses its deep appreciation to all legislators who oppose these unsound measures.



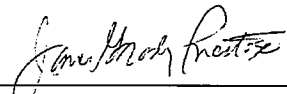
County Judge Robert E. Hebert



Commissioner Richard Morrison, Pct. 1



Commissioner Andy Meyers, Pct. 3



Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct. 2



Commissioner James Patterson, Pct. 4

ATTEST:



Laura Richard, County Clerk

