

**FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
HOUSE BILL 2389 and SENATE BILL 1000  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOUSTON AND MUNICIPAL  
UTILITY DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, the city of Houston annexes for limited purposes areas within the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend and Harris Counties without providing services or proper representation; and

**WHEREAS**, Houston levies a one cent sales tax through Strategic Partnership Agreements (SPA), collecting over \$90 million in 2014 in Fort Bend and Harris County, sharing the sales tax revenue with area MUDs on a 50-50 basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the sales tax revenue collected through the SPAs is not used to provide government services to the majority of resident/taxpayers paying the sales tax it is instead used on Houston operations and by the MUDs for their purposes including reimbursing developers a portion of their development costs, subsidizing utility costs for residents of the MUD by decreasing utility debt, and by building parks; and

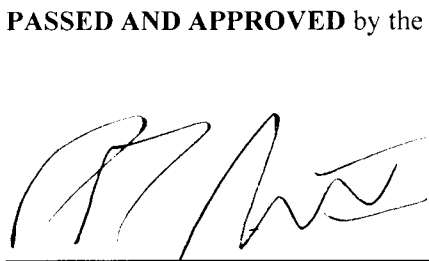
**WHEREAS**, this legislation will require that a portion of the SPA tax revenue fund government services for the area taxpayers who are paying the tax; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County believes that sales taxes are a "general tax" that should be spent for general government services to benefit the citizens paying the tax; and


**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Fort Bend County supports **HOUSE BILL 2389 and SENATE BILL 1000** for the purposes stipulated in the legislation regarding sales taxes collected through an SPA in unincorporated Fort Bend and Harris Counties by the City of Houston.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Fort Bend County Commissioner Court this 24th day of March, 2015.



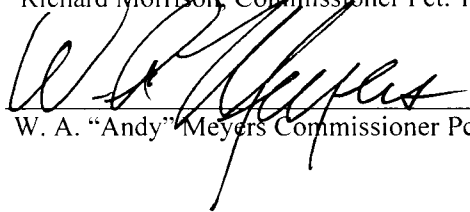
Richard Morrison, Commissioner Pct. 1



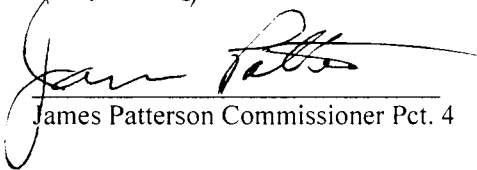
Robert E. Hebert, County Judge



Grady Prestage Commissioner Pct. 2



W. A. "Andy" Meyers Commissioner Pct. 3



James Patterson Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

  
Laura Richard, County Clerk