

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Seshadri Kumar who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the publisher of **Fort Bend Independent** and that said newspaper meets the requirements of Section 2051.044 of the Texas Government Code, to wit:

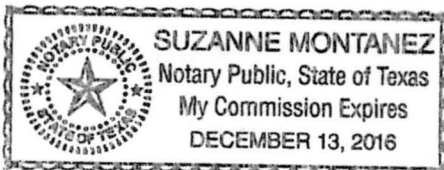
1. It devotes not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of its total column lineage to general interest items;
2. It is published at least once each week;
3. It is entered as second-class postal matter in the county where it is published; and
4. It has been published regularly and continuously since 2008.

Aug.3, 2016
Fort Bend County PACE Public Hearing



Seshadri Kumar
Publisher

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME by Seshadri Kumar who
(a) Is personally known to me, or
(b) Provided the following evidence to establish his/ her identity,
(c) On this the 19th day of September, 2016 to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



Notary Public, State of Texas



Public Hearing Notice – PACE Program

Fort Bend County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., 401 Jackson St., Richmond, Texas at which time the public may comment on the proposed Fort Bend County Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program. Fort Bend County finds that financing qualified projects through contractual assessments pursuant to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act (The PACE Act) as set forth in Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399 is a valid public purpose. The entire geographic area within the County's jurisdiction as a region within which a designated County representative and the record owners of qualified real property may enter into PACE financing arrangements to encourage private sector investment in energy efficiency and water conservation. The PACE program will be offered to property owners on a strictly voluntary basis and will not require the use of any public funds or resources.

Authorized under the PACE Act enacted in 2013 and updated in 2015, the PACE program is an innovative financing program that enables private sector owners of privately owned commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential properties with five or more dwelling units to obtain low-cost, long-term loans to pay for water conservation, energy-efficiency improvements, and renewable energy retrofits.