## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LIMITATION ON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOUSTON AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS IN FORT BEND COUNTY

WHEREAS, the city of Houston annexes for limited purposes areas within its Extra-territorial Jurisdiction unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County (ETJ) without providing services or proper representation; and

WHEREAS, Houston levies a one cent sales tax through Strategic Partnership Agreements (SPA) with Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs), collecting over \$11 million in 2016 in Fort Bend County, sharing the sales tax revenue with the MUDs on a 50-50 basis; and

WHEREAS, a sales tax is a general tax, paid by the general public and the revenue from a sales tax should be used for general purposes to benefit the residents paying the sales tax; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will require that a portion of funds collected through future SPAs fund government services for the area taxpayers who are 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 legislation requiring a portion of future SPA revenue collected by Houston to be spent in the area where the sales taxes are collected for the purposes of benefiting the general public in Houston's ETJ in Fort Bend County.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 13th day of December, 2016.

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Richard Morrison, Commissioner Pct. 1

W. A. "Andy" Meyer's Commissioner Pct. 3

Grady Prestage Commissioner Pct. 2

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ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk