THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF

MODIFICATION TO PROCEDURE FOR LEVEE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS TO CHANGE FROM APPOINTED TO ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

WHEREAS, Subchapter C, Chapter 57 of the Texas Water Code provides the procedure for determining whether the board members of an existing Levee Improvement District ("LID") will be elected rather than appointed; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, a relatively small number of voters within the boundaries of the district have the ability, by petition, to require an election to determine whether the board will be changed from appointed to elected and the petition must include one or more nominees for each director position for precincts prior to being established by Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, the current language does not clearly indicate whether the election to be held to determine whether the directors should be elected rather than appointed should also include the election of the directors; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions stated herein should be modified to increase the number of voters required to require an election and clarify the procedure to determine whether the directors will be elected rather than appointed; 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 to increase the number of voters required to cause an election to be held to determine whether board members of an existing LID will be elected rather than appointed and clarify the procedure (1) to remove the requirement of a petition included one or more nominees of precincts that have yet to be established, (2) require the currently appointed directors call an election to determine whether or not directors should be elected, and (3) upon results of such election in favor of elected directors, call an election for the next county-wide election date to elect directors.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner Court this 3rd day of January, 2017.

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

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ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk

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