

**ORDER APPOINTING A PERSON TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF  
JUDGE OF FORT BEND COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 5**

On this day there came to be considered by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, the matter of an appointment of a person to fill a vacancy in the office of Judge of Fort Bend County Court at Law No. 5.

**WHEREAS**, the death of the Honorable Ronald Cohen created a vacancy in the office of Judge of Fort Bend County Court at Law No. 5; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code §25.0009 requires the Commissioners Court to appoint a person to fill a vacancy in the office of Judge of a statutory county court; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointee shall hold the office of Judge until the next general election and until the successor is elected and has qualified; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Ruiz meets the minimum standards to serve as a County Court at Law Judge under Texas Government Code §25.0014; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Government Code §25.0006 requires each judge of a statutory county court to execute a bond that is payable to the treasurer of the county in an amount not more than \$10,000 that must be approved by Commissioners Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court through a majority vote hereby appoints Pedro Ruiz to serve as Judge of Fort Bend County Court at Law No. 5, effective upon April 15, 2018, subject to appointee subscribing to the official oath of office and delivery of a bond payable to Jeff Council, Fort Bend County Treasurer, or his successors in office securing faithful performance of his duties to fulfill the vacancy of judge and the unexpired term of the Honorable Ronald Cohen, until the next general election and the successor is elected and has qualified.

Approved by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018.

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

ATTEST:

Laura Richard  
Laura Richard, County Clerk

