

# Fort Bend County Commissioners Court Legislative Workshop -

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January 8, 2019



County Judge

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# Revenue Caps

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## Continue to oppose the State's effort to cap revenue in County Government:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

This \_ day of \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court does hereby express its opposition to efforts limiting local control of local government and does hereby oppose any attempts to impose revenue or appraisal caps upon Texas counties, and the Commissioners Court expresses its deep appreciation to all legislators who oppose these unsound measures. **And furthermore, we urge the Legislature to address school funding** and replace the property tax burden by appropriating other state funds and thereby alleviating the unfair taxation that has been imposed on local taxpayers in recent years by the state's failure to fund its fair share of school costs from state revenues other than property taxes.



# Online Voter Registration

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## **ISSUE:**

Currently voter registration is only done through physical means costing the county money and time for printing and data entry, allowing physical transcription errors, and not being easily accessible by the general public.

## **SOLUTION:**

Introduce legislation for the Secretary of State to create an official website for an eligible voter to register to vote

# Voting System Fund

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## **ISSUE:**

Currently Fort Bend Voting Machines are old and worn out with significantly higher voter turnout projected in future elections. With lack of straight ticket voting, voters will spend more time at each machine as well.

## **SOLUTION:**

Support the creation and funding of a state fund that provides financial support for voting infrastructure upgrades to the fastest growing counties in a proportional manner.

# Medicaid Expansion

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**ISSUE:** Texas has one of the highest rates of uninsured and underinsured citizens in the country affecting many Fort Bend residents. Local county taxes pay too much in uncompensated care when Texans' federal tax burden already goes towards Medicaid. Those funds paid by county taxpayers are currently redirected to other states that have expanded their coverage networks.

**SOLUTION:**

Support the State of Texas opting into expanding coverage to take advantage of the taxes Texans are already paying to the Federal government which has agreed to cover the entire cost for participating states during the first three years and no less than 90% of the cost afterwards.