THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND'S PURSUIT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENABLING DEVELOPMENT OF A HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is pursuing the passage of legislation that would enable the city to facilitate the development of a hotel and convention center project and surrounding ancillary facilities; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2445 provides these same benefits to seventeen other Texas cities, including Sugar Land, Katy, League City, Pasadena and other Houston area municipalities; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2445 enables the beneficiary cities to capture the State of Texas' share of hotel occupancy taxes and sales taxes generated within a one thousand foot radius of a qualified hotel and convention center project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is working in partnership with the George Foundation to facilitate development of the three hundred thirty-six acre Circle Oak property that would be ideal for a four hundred room hotel with twenty-five thousand square feet of convention center space potentially creating four hundred jobs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will be a critically important tool in making the development of the property feasible; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is requesting the support of Fort Bend County in the form of a resolution of support for the proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas believes it is in the best interest of its residents to support the proposed legislation that will be a tool to creating a higher use development benefitting both the City of Richmond and Fort Bend County for decades to come, and finds such support serves a public purpose.

**NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**: that the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas support the City of Richmond's pursuit of legislation that would facilitate the development of a hotel and convention center project to create a higher use of development benefitting both the City of Richmond and Fort Bend County, Texas.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court this 29th day of January, 2019.

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