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Which agenda item do you wish to address?

20 E & F & DDA # 7 B

In general, are you FOR  AGAINST  Agenda Item?

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I acknowledge that, if called to speak, I will only speak to the agenda item(s) noted above in accordance with Fort Bend County Rules for Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at County Commissioners Court Meetings, and that my comments will be limited to a maximum of three minutes.

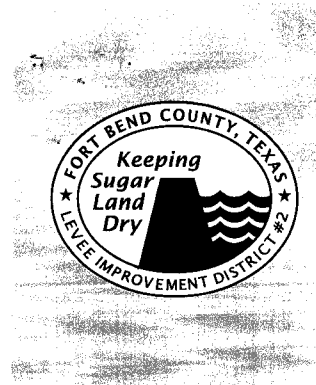
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Good afternoon Judge and Commissioners. Thank you for allowing me to speak on Agenda Item 20 E&F and Drainage District Agenda items 7 & 8

My name is Andre McDonald. I live at 4010 Lyndhurst Place Sugar Land, Texas Precinct 4.

**The 2019-20 Budget.**



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Although it is not known at this point if the Flood Mitigation Bond Referendum will have any impact on the upcoming or future Budgets, there are important issues to consider. The many of us are already paying a tax for flood mitigation to a special districts or to a city in addition to what we pay to the county and to the county drainage district.

My wife and I are paying taxes for flood mitigation to City of Sugar Land and FBCLID 2. I'm on the board of LID 2. In May, we passed an \$88 million flood defense bond referendum and in June we sold \$48 million in bonds to responsibly address flooding in our district. At this point, the county will not be paying for any portion of FBCLID 2's needed projects.

Currently A significant portion of the county's proposed flood mitigation funding is for areas that are not in a flood mitigation district or a city, but most occupied areas are. Further, Representative Zerwas introduced legislation in 2019 to allow for the creation of flood mitigation districts for these areas but pulled the legislation after strenuous objections from the residents in these areas, who objected to paying a tax for their own flood mitigation. I am certainly willing to help my fellow residents help themselves, but it is unfair to ask the taxpayers,

who are already paying an additional flood mitigation tax, to pay for flood mitigation for property owners who refuse to pay for their own. Soon homeowners in FBCLID 2 will be paying about \$700 in LID (maybe as much as 19 cents) taxes annually, while the taxpayers in the areas not in a flood mitigation district pay nothing. How about the rest of the county help pay our \$88 million?

I intend to vote for the county's Bond Referendum but that depends on whether or not this Commissioners Court fairly and equably protects the majority of us taxpayers by sharing the bond proceeds and save us from potential abuse.

Thank you for your time.

FBCLID 2 is \$5billion in assessed value which means we pay

County taxes of between \$20 - \$25 million

All Levee Districts = \$20 billion and protect 30% of population

Growth and prosperity of the county stems from our willingness

to tax ourselves for services we want and need