

THE STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
 COURNTY OF FORT BEND           §

**CLARIFYING ORDER AUTHORIZING AMICUS BRIEFS**

On the 26th day of May, 2020, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, being convened at a regular meeting of the Court, sitting as the governing body of Fort Bend County, upon motion of Commissioner Prestage, seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant, duly put and carried an oral motion directing the Fort Bend County Attorney's Office, on behalf of Fort Bend County, to submit amicus briefs to support the ability of our elections department to provide safe and fair elections to our voters and election workers including case No. 14-20-00358-CV now pending in the Fourteenth Court of Appeals and No. 5:20-cv-00438-FB now pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, and in any other litigation that may be appropriate as it might pertain to the 2020 General Election Cycle.

On the 9th of June, 2020, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, being convened at a regular meeting of the Court, sitting as the governing body of Fort Bend County, upon motion of Commissioner Prestage, seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant, duly put and carried,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) The May 26, 2020, Order is HEREBY CLARIFIED to allow the Fort Bend County Attorney's Office to file amicus briefs and otherwise given the discretion to participate fully in above-described matters, and discretion to the attorney of record to participate in other related matters, expressly including Nos. 5:20-cv-00527-OLG (U.S. Const. Amend. 26 challenge to age restriction); 5:20-cv-00577-OLG (U.S. Const. Amends 1, 14, and 24 challenge to voting laws), pending in the United States District Court

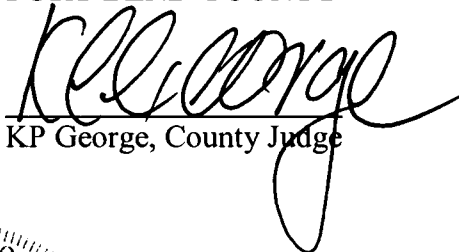
for the Western District of Texas, and any other related case that may arise in that district, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, or the Supreme Court of the United States;

(2) The Fort Bend County Attorney's Office is authorized to take any other steps that it deems necessary or desirable on Fort Bend County's behalf in carrying out the representation;

(3) Recognizing that representation as *amicus curiae* necessarily involves collaboration with aligned counsel, Fort Bend County gives its informed consent to the attorneys carrying out the representation to disclose confidential information as such attorneys see fit, pursuant to Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct 1.05(c)(2) and ABA Model Rule 1.6(a); and

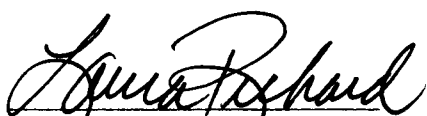
(4) This authorization includes any reasonable and necessary costs associated with appellate actions arising therefrom, including printing costs in the Supreme Court of the United States.

**FORT BEND COUNTY**



KP George, County Judge

ATTEST:



Laura Richard, County Clerk

