



**FY 2020
FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
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Which agenda item do you wish to address?

22. A. Discuss & take action to extend Local Disaster
for Public Health

In general, are you FOR AGAINST Agenda Item?

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Patriots Vs King George

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21a, 21c, 25

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Which agenda item do you wish to address?

Resolution Condemning COVID-19 Hate and Disproportionate Impact

In general, are you FOR AGAINST Agenda Item? 22 B

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Electronic Signature: Mark B. Toubin  Verified by PDFfiller
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22A and 22B

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OCA - Greater Houston

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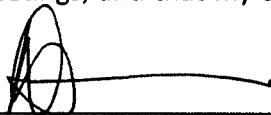
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Anti-Hate Resolution

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Home Address: 219 Pony Ln Simonsen TX

Telephone (optional): _____

Please provide the name, address and phone number of any group or organization you represent, if applicable:

myself

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Item 22, B

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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July 27, 2020

Dear Fort Bend County Judge, KP George, Commissioner Myers, Morales, Prestige, DeMerchant:

As a citizen of Fort Bend County, in Simonton TX, I was in complete shock when I read item number 22, on the Commissioners Court agenda for July 28, 2020. Your Resolution Condemning Covid-19 Hate and Disproportionate Impact. I myself do not condone any type of racism or hate. I feel saddened, what I see our country is currently going through. We are a tough and strong nation and will get through this tough time, as we always have.

However, you are submitting a resolution to pass the commissioners court to become a new type of unconstitutional law. We already have laws in place for hate crimes in this country. The condoning of racism and hate is absolutely called for and everyone needs to send that message. There are several areas in the document that are very wrong. First of all, in paragraph 12, "Whereas" down in the resolution you described words that are hateful or discriminatory. Please explain to me and the citizens how the "Flu Virus" a hateful word to anybody? You wrote, Whereas ... "Chinese virus" or Kung Fu or Flu virus".

Secondly, the 17th "Whereas, All persons are encouraged to report any such antisemitic, discriminatory or racist incidents to the proper authorities for investigation: and" I don't understand how any politician on any side of the isle could ever vote for this paragraph. History has taught us valuable lessons, and one of the worst history lessons was that of the Nazi party. You say you want to stop racism and discrimination, yet you are asking citizens to "tell on each other for freedom of speech." Again, we have hate crime laws and one of the most important rights as a US citizen is the right to freedom of speech. I don't understand how any attorney could write this on behalf of the county, fully understanding the first amendment rights.

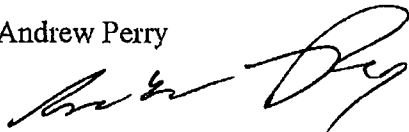
Third and just as scary, under "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the county commissioners of Fort Bend County, Texas, that: #3" For Bend County will continue its efforts to protect residents and targets and victims of hate, and to investigate, prosecute and curb hate acts related to COVID-19 in partnership with nonprofit organizations, the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department and all other law enforcement partners." Of what authority and under what Texas law can nonprofit organizations investigate and prosecute laws. Of what authority or under what agreements has the county provided to non-profit groups to help investigate and prosecute hate acts? Below is the layman's definition on our first amendment rights from Cornell Law School. May I suggest you read it before discussion on this resolution. You are 100% eliminating our right to free speech without prosecution and you are 100% eliminating our right for due process of the law. You have also, added using non-profit organizations to help which is exactly what Nazi Germany, Communism, and Marxism is about. We are the Republic of the United States and you and the other Commissioners took an oath to uphold and obey the laws of Texas and the United States.

If you vote for this resolution as it is written, you are not upholding our written constitution laws and breaking our First Amendment rights.

I do not wish anyone to go through any hatred or racism crimes and I believe we all must live, work, and play together with and without our disagreements. I have an autistic son and have dealt with bullies, and racism against his abilities helping him grow up into an adult his whole life. Accordingly, I will not allow his rights to be taken away from him as well. As you make the words above "prosecutable", why would you stop there, and just make other words prosecutable? I absolutely hate the words "window licker or short bus kid", which are a hateful combination of words to the wrong person, but I'm not asking you to make this an offense, that someone could turn you into the authorities. This is a slippery slope and why we have the first amendment. There would be no end to words or a combination of words to add to this list. Once again, please read the basics of the First Amendment Rights below, that have been a part of this country since they were written by our Founding Fathers. I do not believe other than extremist, that any Democrat, Republican, Independent would ever want their Freedoms taken from them. I respectfully request you do not pass this resolution as written and remove the three items that I have discussed.

Thank you for your time,

Andrew Perry



Simonton TX

Freedom of Speech / Freedom of the Press

The most basic component of freedom of expression is the right to freedom of speech. Freedom of speech may be exercised in a direct (words) or a symbolic (actions) way. Freedom of speech is recognized as a human right under article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The right to freedom of speech allows individuals to express themselves without government interference or regulation. The Supreme Court requires the government to provide substantial justification for the interference with the right of free speech where it attempts to regulate the content of the speech. Generally, a person cannot be held liable, either criminally or civilly for anything written or spoken about a person or topic, so long as it is truthful or based on an honest opinion and such statements. "[Cornell Law School website, www.law.cornell.edu/wex/first_amendment](http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/first_amendment)"



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22B - COVID-19 Resolution

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Electronic Signature: Sue Hauenstein

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N.A.

Which agenda item do you wish to address?

#25

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Electronic Signature: Valerie Bryan

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NA

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Electronic Signature: Tomaker Bench

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The below letter was received by Commissioner Meyers with the request that it be recorded into the minutes for the meeting on July 28 2020.

Andy Meyers

Commissioner Pct. 3

832-338-1199 Cell

281-238-1400 Office

From: Hope Stern <hopericestern@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 10:28 AM

To: Meyers, Andy <Andy.Meyers@fortbendcountytexas.gov>

Subject: FBC Commissioner's Court for Thursday, July 28, 2020

Dear Mr Meyers,

Good morning. I am submitting a letter to the Commissioner's Court that I want read into the record pertaining to Item 22.B: Take all appropriate action on Fort Bend County Resolution Condemning COVID-19 Hate and Disproportionate Impact. I cannot participate any other way as I am severely disabled enough that sitting on hold awaiting to speak is not a viable option for me at this time. I am including the whole of my letter following this paragraph. I wish you all the best on the beautiful day in our great county. In case the information is needed, I currently reside at 1919 Audubon Ct, Richmond, TX 77406. I am a registered voter in my precinct. My full name is Hope Kay Stern and my phone number is 239-895-4494.

Respectfully,

Hope K. Stern

Dear Fort Bend County Judge KP George, Commissioners Meyers, Morales, Prestige & DeMerchant:

Good afternoon Gentlemen. As a proud citizen of Fort Bend County in Pecan Grove Plantation with a mailing address of Richmond, Texas, I was utterly shocked, horrified and angered after reading carefully through Item 22.B your Resolutuon Condemning COVID-19 Hate & Disproportionate Impact. While I was brought up to not condone colorism nor hate of any peoples, cultures, ethnicities or religions I know that many were not. To that, I can only call it out when I see it and I do; if it is an actual hate crime, I will and have reported it immediately to the appropriate law enforcement agency as it happens. Which brings us back to this Resolution which violates the 1st Amendment of the US Constitution and marks strongly of Marxism, Socialism and Communism. It screams that your intentions are to turn our great county into a police state which cannot nor will not happen in our country which is a Republic of United States - a bunch, 50 in all, of states united in a single purpose - Democracy. Now, I have broken your Resolution down sentence by sentence and even phrase by phrase & word by word.

In the 2nd WHEREAS paragraph the use of the phrase "any race" is wrong as there is but 1 race, the human race. The phrase "racial discrimination" is wrong again for the same premise, there is

but one race, the human race and you, thereby, suggest we are discriminating against humanity as a whole.

In the 3rd WHEREAS paragraph again the phrase "all racial" is wrong bc there is but one race, the human race.

In the 10th WHEREAS paragraph the word "racism" is misused again as it promotes the wrong idea that there is more than 1 race however there is but one race the human race.

In the 12th WHEREAS paragraph the 9th word "racial" is wrong as stated above: there is only the human race. The phrases "Chinese Virus, Kung Fu (maybe you meant flu but missed a misspelling) & Flu Virus" are protected words under the 1st Amendment of the US Constitution.

In the 16th WHEREAS paragraph the word " racist" is again incorrect bc there is yet again only one race, the human race.

The 17th WHEREAS paragraph is extremely problematic as you are suggesting that people within Ft Bend county spy and probably lie and seek revenge upon others quite like the Nazi party encouraged and the Communist party not only encouraged but demanded.

In the 18th WHEREAS paragraph the phrase "Communityis" should be " Community is". The phrases " committed to ending the spread of all forms of hate, bigotry, racism, discrimination and bias" is problematic because you cannot censure people's thoughts, feelings, emotions or beliefs. Also, once again, you used the word "racism" and let me remind you that science has proven that there is one race, the human race.

In your 1st numbered statement, you cannot denounce "racism" because to do so is to denounce the entire human race. Are you, sirs, denouncing all of humanity?

In numbered statement 3, you make mention of using non- profit organizations to help you "investigate, prosecute and curb hate acts related to COVID-19" but only against certain cultures, religions and ethnicities but this apparently does not apply to others. First, is that not xenophobic towards others? Second, and perhaps most importantly, what non-profits are you planning to use to help you perpetuate the same crimes as the marxists, socialists, Nazis and communists? Lest you forgot or did not learn, we fought a world war to stop these very acts that caused mass genocide and other atrocities. Or do you fear other ethnicities, for instance my ancestors were Scotch-Irish and Danes who, by the way, were the original Vikings, so do you perhaps fear me for first having red-hair therefore I must be a witch and secondly, do you perhaps fear the so-called warrior blood which is actually only adventure seeking? Do you perhaps fear other religions, I'm considered a Pagan by Christianity so do you specifically fear me? My culture is American as my ancestors did as any good immigrant was expected to do and they assimilated fully into the American way of life, do you fear the American culture? Our culture is considered evil to some cultures and religions.

In numbered statement 4, while I understand what you are stating, do you really want such poor

grammar on the record? Your sentence is improper, you need to change the phrase " including by collecting and recording" to " including the collection and recording of"; your sentence then becomes coherent and proper.

In numbered statement 6 again you use the term "racist" and again let me remind you that means you are against humanity as a whole.

As a whole your Resolutuon is dis-coherent. WHO made this change to not list as part of emerging diseases the country of origin bc of xenophobia and this occurred long before COVID-19, the novel Corona virus came into the world. We know that it originated in China and there is actually some debate as to how long it's been quietly building before lighting its largest fire in Wuhan, China...of this there is no doubt and sticking your head in the sand won't change that. Scientists seem to know why this disease attack people of African Ancestors more disproportionately than it does other people and its deals with the same reason that only this group can develop diseases such as sickle cell anemia; its emerging science. Yes, poorer diet does play into it as does lack of healthcare but on the flipside, personal responsibility should also take the main seat at that table because other ethnicities are also poor and live the exact same way, stop and look at the whole picture.

Overall our entire nation celebrates diversity and differences between people, cultures and religions. It is only when identity politics are used to pit group against group that turmoil erupts. Cultures within America are told that other cultures hate them and a literal game of hot potato begins with each group getting the same message, then religious groups are treated the same and ethnicities, sexual orientation, and finally the color of one's skin begins to separate us as a country until chaos erupts. You, as a Commission, are trying to do the same thing in Fort Bend County. STOP!!! Just Stop. What makes us different brings us together within our communities and each community reaches out to other communities, do you not pay attention? Yes, there are those who do not care and are full of hate and say hateful things but here's the kicker...you can't legislate their mouths, hearts nor brains because to do so violates their 1st Amendment rights. You cannot haphazardly throw in Islamaphobia with COVID-19. We all know that garbage has been going on since 9/11. You can't make people love a religion that they don't understand and fear therefore hate especially when they witnessed those planes attack abd destroy innocent souls and hear that Muslim groups have declared jihad on Western culture and chant "Death to Americans"...plus it in no way affects COVID-19. Do some of us despair for the innocent people trapped in a lot of countries? Of course we do. Do a lot of us have Muslim friends and neighbors, you better believe it. Do we worry that our religion or beliefs will get in the way? Nope. But again you cannot and will not change hearts and minds of some people. The same applies to Latinos...they have been a part of Texas since b4 Texas was a thing of any nature, so I'm lost as to why you think our Latino population needs special protections, I've done an informal survey of my friends and Latino family members and they've checked further out and have this to say to you " we good, boo" not quite the wording I'd use but, they are good. Yes medicine is telling us that they are now being hospitalized at higher rates now which is scary.

While crimes against Asians and Pacific-Islanders are on the rise across the country as related to COVID-19, most are occurring in that most inclusive state California (use some sarcasm) plus Oregon and Washington. I could not find statistics for actual crimes against these peoples within

our county but I seriously doubt it has occurred, and no you cant label every doggone crime a hate crime. Anti-semitism has been happening since man began organizing and recognizing religions, you can't change that sadly. Are you adding them to your COVID-19 Hate Response because of that? Everyone knows they are not responsible for COVID-19 nor are they hoarding medical aids including hospital beds; in fact they are some of the more charitable people giving from their hearts and not bc it might make them look better at church or synagogue like some. And if you are protecting them what about other religions? Are you going to protect others? Are you going to persecute those who, for instance, do not fall under the label of Islam, Judaism, or Christianity or even other Orthodox religions? If this protecting some but not all is your goal, please go back and peruse an older world history book, not one from the last 30 years that have cleansed history.

Our country is currently under siege by left wing anarchists and other crazy individuals that most just label thugs, do not attempt to force our county to play games of secret police and organizations to which we must report our friends, neighbors and family members to when they transgress in telling, for instance, a tasteless joke or make an insensitive comment or force us to watch our children do the same whether it's the truth, done out of revenge, fear or simply a lie. This smacks right up against our inalienable rights that every American is afforded. And it reeks of socialism.

The demonization, blaming and scapegoating have been done already...it started well before Republicans took the White House where all fingers now point at Republicans as the ones to blame, demonize and make the scapegoat. A time of great Civil unrest is upon us right now -- anarchy & socialism vs democracy -- and your Resolution smacks of socialism and 1940s nazism.

I suggest you instead toss this Resolution in the trash and start over from a different place, a place of unity, a place of inclusiveness, a place of benevolence, a place of kindness...all these should be where you start bc these are strongholds within our county.

Our country is rapidly building towards absolute chaos especially in Democrat controlled areas, let's not borrow trouble as my late grandma always said. She also said that when you lay down with dogs you get fleas so get out of the dog bed please. Put on your thinking caps and do better. Maybe start with paying that overtime you promised our first responders and the people who were forced to work to support them (do you have a clue how COVID-19 has spread amongst either group & their families?), then work on unifying our county not dividing it, get more free/low cost clinics open to assist those who cant afford the ridiculous rates Obamacare has caused and put them where the people who need them are. There are great things that can be done within our county...to unify all of us even better, because, afterall, we have a great county to live in that we love. Oh and that property tax hike you're thinking about of up to 8%...might want to rethink that whole ballgame unless you want to witness a mass exodus of residents from this county to another that's courting Fort Bend Residents...just saying...

Gentlemen, thank you for your time. I hope that you all haven't closed your minds to reality. Vote with commonsense not knee jerking. Be the voice of reason midst the chaos. And

remember it is an election year and each of you can be out come November so if that's your goal please resign now and stop the madness.

And take a lesson from my 2 year old grandson...everyone is BROWN...tires and such are black, paper and our backdoor are white. People, people are clearly brown. From one of our friends born with albinism, to his 6 month old sister who is pale as can be, to my Asian doctor, to my Mexican grandson, to my Native American granddaughter, to my doctor from India, to another doctor who is from Pakistan, to yet another very, very pale doctor from Norway, to our dear friend/family member who is Native American and of Caribbean African descent, to another dear friend who is extremely dark skinned, to me covered in freckles, to himself...we are all BROWN...BROWN not white, not pink, not yellow, not red, not black and not brown because we are Latino...we are all brown, and brown, by the way, has many, many shades. Consider it your epiphany for the day.

With great respect,
Hope Stern

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