

FORT BEND COUNTY RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF
ALLOWING COMMUNITIES IN HOUSTON'S EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION
TO PETITION FOR DETACHMENT**

WHEREAS, The City of Houston has a large and highly populated extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) located in Fort Bend County; and

WHEREAS, The City of Houston is limited in their annexation authority, within a county with a population the size of Fort Bend County, due to the passage of Senate Bill 6 in the 2017 Special Session, making annexation of any populated ETJ in Fort Bend County nearly impossible; and

WHEREAS, Constituents residing in Houston's ETJ in Fort Bend County have expressed an interest in removing themselves from Houston's jurisdiction with the goal of joining another city, forming their own city, or remaining wholly unincorporated and out of any municipal jurisdiction ; and

WHEREAS, Constituents in Houston's ETJ in Fort Bend County have expressed their desire for the Texas Legislature to give them a clear path to petition out of Houston's ETJ; and

WHEREAS, Houston's inability to annex populated areas in their ETJ of a county with the population size of Fort Bend County puts an undue burden and restrictions on county taxpayers and on constituents residing in areas that will never be annexed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fort Bend County Commissioners Court supports legislation that will allow populated areas within Houston's ETJ of Fort Bend County to petition for detachment from Houston's ETJ.

PASSED and APPROVED on December 15, 2020.


County Judge KP George

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ATTEST:





Laura Richard, County Clerk