

FORT BEND COUNTY RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF
SPECIAL DISTRICT TRANSPARENCY

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County special districts regularly have the highest tax rates and user fees in the county; and

WHEREAS, nearly all of these special districts have hundreds, if not thousands, of taxpaying constituents who vote for the directors and on debt propositions, and also, for the most part, do not meet inside district boundaries, making it incredibly difficult for constituents to attend meetings; and

WHEREAS, these special districts have eight and nine figure debt amounts, budgets well into the millions, road powers, drainage responsibilities, and even sometimes collect sales taxes on transactions made in and around the residential communities; and

WHEREAS, the financial information, contact information for the elected officials, annual budgets, agendas and meeting minutes are exceedingly difficult to locate without going through the district's legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court supports changes to Government Code 551 in order to force special districts with over 500 residents to maintain a district website listing the contact information of the governing body, debt and tax information, the posting of agendas and meeting minutes, as well as moving meetings within the district boundaries.

PASSED and APPROVED on December 15, 2020.


County Judge KP George

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ATTEST:





Laura Richard, County Clerk