

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 120 RELATING TO ALLOWING STRAIGHT-PARTY VOTING**

**WHEREAS**, Texans and Fort Bend County residents were concerned with the amount of time they are spending in public locations, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but wanted to exercise their civic duty by voting in person; and

**WHEREAS**, Straight-party vote means a vote by single mark, punch or other action by the voter for all the nominees of one political party and for no other candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, During the 85th Texas legislative session in 2017, House Bill 25 eliminated straight-party voting effective September 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Removing straight-party voting made voters stay in public polling locations longer during a worldwide pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:**

THAT ON DECEMBER 15TH, THE **FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**, MEETING AS A BODY IN RICHMOND, TEXAS, ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION AND URGES THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW FORT BEND COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS VOTERS STRAIGHT-PARTY VOTING.

**SIGNED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.**



County Judge KP George

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ATTEST:





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Laura Richard, County Clerk