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COUNTY OF FORT BEND


Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the publisher of **Fort Bend Independent** and that said newspaper meets the requirements of Section 2051.044 of the Texas Government Code, to wit:

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4. It has been published regularly and continuously since 2008.

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**August 18, 2021**

**Notice of Fort Bend County Elected officials' salary**



**Seshadri Kumar**

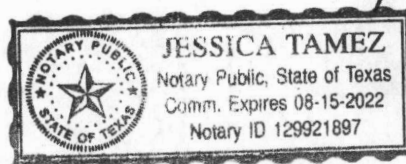
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME by Seshadri Kumar who

- (a) Is personally known to me, or
- (b) Provided the following evidence to establish his/ her identity,

On this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Notary Public, State of Texas



## FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

This notice of proposed salaries and allowances for Fort Bend County elected officials during Fiscal Year 2022 is pursuant to section 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code. The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court will consider increasing the salaries of certain elected officials at regular session of the Court which will meet at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, 2021 in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Richmond, Texas. The Elected Officials and their present and proposed salaries are listed as follows:

### Elected Officials' Proposed Salaries FY2022

Elected Officials	Adopted 2021 Annual Salary	Proposed 2022 Annual Salary	Juvenile Board Supp.	Drainage Board Supp.	2022 Longevity	Proposed Change
County Judge	\$145,268	\$152,096	\$7,200	\$2,400	\$0	4.70%
Commissioner, Pct 1	\$138,351	\$144,853		\$2,400	\$0	4.70%
Commissioner, Pct 2	\$138,351	\$144,853		\$2,400	\$960	4.70%
Commissioner, Pct 3	\$138,351	\$144,853		\$2,400	\$600	4.70%
Commissioner, Pct 4	\$138,351	\$144,853		\$2,400	\$0	4.70%
Sheriff	\$145,268	\$152,096			\$0	4.70%
County Attorney	\$138,351	\$144,853			\$0	4.70%
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$134,892	\$141,232			\$0	4.70%
County Clerk	\$134,892	\$141,232			\$0	4.70%
District Clerk	\$134,892	\$141,232			\$0	4.70%
County Treasurer	\$131,433	\$137,611			\$0	4.70%
Justice of the Peace, Pct 1, Pl 1	\$121,057	\$126,747			\$0	4.70%
Justice of the Peace, Pct 1, Pl 2	\$121,057	\$126,747			\$0	4.70%
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## LETTER

# Wharton County Junior College in Sugar Land deserves signage at UH Sugar Land entrance

## To the Editor:

The Wharton County Junior College hosted University of Houston, UH Downtown and UH Clear Lake at their Julie Rivers Drive campus as a tenant from about 1995-2002. During this time, UH had their own signage at the roadway.

In 2002, UH moved to their new George Building on University Blvd. at US 59.

In 2009, UH opened their designed partner building, Brazos Hall, at that campus and WCJC became the tenant and paid rent for about 50% of the space.

Since 2009, WCJC enrollment grew to a high of about 3,300 in the Fall and 3,000 in Spring. In the first year both institutions had vinyl banner signage bolted to the building facing the freeway. UH was in design phase for both entities to purchase large, lighted building signage. The UH sign was installed and the WCJC sign was later denied.

During this same time span, a monument sign was being designed for the front entrance.

Time went on and the Fort Bend County University Branch Library opened in November 2011. New schematics were passed around with a design for all three groups to be listed. Plans changed again and WCJC and the library were both denied being listed on the monument.

Sometime later, I became frustrated and purchased two metal realtor signs with WCJC and an arrow to help our new students who could not find "the WCJC building."

One of them can be seen in the picture of the main entrance. I left the college three years ago today and the sign is still there!

WCJC pays rent of over \$1 million a year and is not allowed to have any signage deserving of a major tenant. The staff and leadership at UHSL have always been very

hospitable and great to work with.

The signage decisions have originated from the UH System that took over management of UHSL around 10 years ago.

Unfortunately, the state legislature cannot fund \$15M+ for a community college building like they can for a state university. WCJC does not have the resources or tax base to finance a \$30M building in Sugar Land. UH's stance is that they will donate land for WCJC to build a building and put their own sign on it.

The Fort Bend County University Branch Library turns ten in November and WCJC has been a valuable asset and UHSL partner on campus for now 12 years, this month. It is time to give recognition to all of the partners who occupy this campus and work toward a new monument sign that would willingly be shared financially by all.

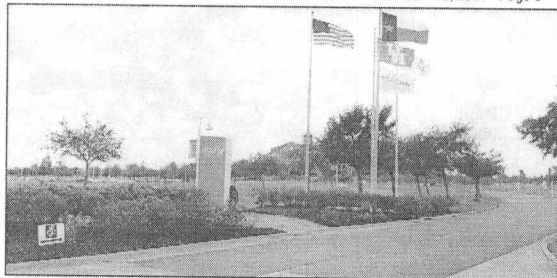
I would also ask for comments from any students, parents and library patrons who remember getting lost the first time they tried to find their classes or local library on University Blvd. Your personal experiences will be an extraordinary help in convincing the powers that be to make the right decision!

—Robert Wolter

In response to a Facebook posting by Wolter, Jay Neal as Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer University of Houston at Sugar Land, said: "Robert, rather than posting this on Facebook, why don't you give me a call to discuss or work through WCJC board members. You could have have brought this topic up when we went to the Skaters game together a few weeks ago. How about working together?"

Robert Wolter: Jay, it was great to catch up again and

talk about this. I will round up the parties and tell them you want to work together and try your hand with new discussions. Thanks."



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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 17 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: D. Gornet, N. Mansoor, N. Ming, S. Popuri & O. Diala  
AGAINST the proposal: (none)  
PRESENT and not voting: (none)  
ABSENT: (none)

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.560 /\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.545 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.015 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-2.6786%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 519,501	\$ 528,819
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 519,501	\$ 528,819
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,909.21	\$ 2,882.06
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		-\$27.15
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-0.9332%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

## CITY OF STAFFORD NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The City of Stafford, Texas, is requesting the submission of qualifications for services to be rendered for Investment Broker Dealer Services. The

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) proposals may be obtained from the City's web site at <https://staffordtx.gov/business/bid-opportunities/bid-opportunities.html>

Sealed Proposals, including two (2) original and one (1) electronic copy, must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at:

City of Stafford  
Attn: Alka Shah  
2610 South Main  
Stafford, Texas 77477

Proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope; the Contractor's firm name and address must appear on the outside of the envelope. Envelopes must be clearly marked "Qualifications for Investment Broker Dealer Services". Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any proposal, and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law, deemed in the best interest of the City. The award will be made to the responsible bidder submitting the proposal providing the best value as determined by the City.

Proposals must be made on the proposal forms and in accordance with the instructions included in the package. Questions regarding the RFQ may be made via email to Alka Shah at [ashah@staffordtx.gov](mailto:ashah@staffordtx.gov) at the City of Stafford by Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The selected Contractor will be awarded the Contract by action of the City Commission approving and adopting the Contract Documents, providing for its enforcement and penalties as provided by law.