

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO FUND A VOCATIONAL
TRAINING FACILITY FOR YOUTH IN JUVENILE DETENTION IN FORT BEND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, youth and young adults ages fifteen through eighteen in the Juvenile Justice System have historically been overlooked in workforce / career training and development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County's population is rapidly approaching one million residents in the next few years, and has a significant number of youth housed in its juvenile detention facility at any given time; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County has already committed some funds to design and build the first-ever facility in a juvenile detention center focused on vocational Training; and

WHEREAS, Texas State Technical College (TSTC) has a nearby campus willing to partner with the County's Juvenile Probation Department, and there are other local community colleges and educational institutions nearby that could offer additional programming support, including but not limited to Wharton County Junior College and University of Houston Sugar Land; and

WHEREAS, providing technical, vocational, and career training for juveniles in detention would reduce recidivism, support local workforce development, and overall improve public safety and economic development in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County supports legislation to fund a Vocational Training Facility for Youth in Juvenile Detention in Fort Bend County.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 25 day of February, 2025.

By: _____

KP George
County Judge

By: _____

Vincent Morales
Commissioner Pct. 1

By: _____

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Commissioner Pct. 2

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By: _____

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ATTEST: _____

Laura Richard, County Clerk

