



LINA HIDALGO

August 21, 2019

AGENDA ITEM

Commissioners Court
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Commissioners:

Please consider the following item for the August 27, 2019, Commissioners Court agenda:

The County Judge requests approval of a "Harris Thrives" resolution regarding flood control policy on the occasion of the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey's impact on Harris County.

Sincerely,

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Lina Hidalgo
County Judge

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HARRIS COUNTY
SUPPORT MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT



Resolution

WHEREAS, Hurricane Harvey made landfall two years ago on August 25, 2017, resulting in record rainfall in Harris County; and

WHEREAS, all 4.7 million people in Harris County were impacted by Hurricane Harvey, including over 60,000 residents rescued and over 150,000 homes flooded; and

WHEREAS, the people of Harris County showed incredible strength, resilience, and unity in response to Hurricane Harvey; and

WHEREAS, recovery efforts are ongoing; and many people are still feeling the impacts of Harvey and other floods; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court affirms the importance and the intended execution of all projects in the Harris County Flood Control District 2018 Bond Program ("Bond Program"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court directs the Harris County Flood Control District to identify the increased resources and budget it will need to operate and maintain flooding infrastructure built in the Bond Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court instructs the Harris County Flood Control District to adopt a framework that ensures a process for the equitable expenditure of Bond Program funds ("Equitable Prioritization Framework"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court calls on the Harris County Flood Control District to bolster community engagement related to flood control by revamping the roles and responsibilities of the Harris County Flood Control District Task Force and ensuring that a geographically diverse range of community members is represented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court instructs the Harris County Flood Control District to emphasize an approach that respects, reclaims, and restores floodplains; preserves undeveloped prairies and forests that detain stormwater; and encourages the use of nature-based solutions, natural infrastructure, and cutting-edge technological methods where possible in public and private projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court encourages the Harris County Flood Control District to coordinate with other county departments and government entities to take a holistic approach that aims to improve the quality of life more broadly—including but not limited to transportation, safety, health, housing, and economic opportunity—by achieving multiple benefits and solving multiple problems where possible; and

FINALLY, Harris County Commissioners Court directs the Harris County Flood Control District to add flood control projects to the list of Bond Program projects as the opportunity arises from available funds, providing that all current projects on the 2018 Bond Program project list are carried out, while ensuring that any projects added reflect the methodology of the Equitable Prioritization Framework; now, therefore



It is hereby **ORDERED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 27th day of August, 2019.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

STEVE RADACK, Commissioner
Precinct Three

R. JACK CAGLE, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Diane Trautman, County Clerk
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