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## **Fort Bend County Judge KP George Invited to White House to Highlight the Impact of Biden-Harris Legislative Accomplishments**

**(FORT BEND, TX)** - Fort Bend County Judge KP George was extended a prestigious invitation to participate in the highly anticipated event, "Communities in Action: Building a Better Texas," held at the White House. The event, co-hosted by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Office of Public Engagement, brought together a select group of over 50 state and local elected officials and community leaders from across Texas.

This invitation signifies the exceptional leadership and accomplishments of Judge KP George in Fort Bend County. As a representative of the community, he has consistently demonstrated a commitment to public service and delivering positive outcomes for the people he serves. The event aimed to highlight the efforts of state, local, and Tribal leaders who are actively collaborating with the Biden-Harris Administration to make tangible improvements in their respective communities.

This invitation recognizes Judge George's innovative initiatives, post-COVID-19, with the funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

During the event, Judge KP George had the opportunity to share Fort Bend County's success stories, from the \$157 million ARPA funds provided to the County with over \$112 million committed to various projects that include:

- o Infrastructure/water/sewer projects
- o Capital improvement projects
- o Economic development and recovery
- o Economic relief to residents and businesses
- o Small business programs
- o Nonprofit Assistance Grants

Highlights include the nearly \$20 million provided in Nonprofit Assistance Grants that are intended to strengthen our under-resourced communities; provide affordable housing options, education, and revitalization efforts.

Additionally, the Small Business Programs in Fort Bend County have provided emergency assistance to more than 2,750 businesses, distributing over \$20 million for small business

programs through ARPA funds with over \$1.2 million committed to the Small Business Accelerator Program that served as a mentor program, for minority and women-owned small businesses.

Under the Biden-Harris Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the County has invested in various aspects of infrastructure, including:

- o Utilized up to \$25 million for road and bridge improvements
- o Creating - Green Space with the FM 762/Tenth Street extension
- o \$6 million to 5th Street Storm and Drinking Water projects
- o \$6 million to Waste Water Treatment Plant in Kendelton
- o Broad Band Expansion
- o The \$17 million Big Creek Watershed project to improve water quality by characterizing, identifying bacteria sources, and developing a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) for the watershed.

“This event served as a platform for our state and local leaders to engage with each other to exchange ideas, and share insights into the strategies and achievements across the state,” stated Fort Bend County Judge KP George. “It was a collaborative environment where innovative approaches to common challenges were shared and celebrated.”

Biden-Harris Administration officials included - Office of Political Strategy and Outreach Natalie Montelongo, Senior Advisor to the President Tom Perez, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Brenda Mallory, White House Senior Advisor and Infrastructure Coordinator Mitch Landrieu, White House American Rescue Plan Coordinator and Senior Advisor to the President Gene Sperling, and Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services Andrea Palm.

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