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PRESS RELEASE

Fort Bend County Officials Outline Priorities For Future Growth

Addresses Misleading Information Concerning the Mobility and Parks Bonds

(**FORT BEND, TX**) – Today, Fort Bend County Judge KP George held a press conference to express the proactive steps that he and County Commissioners are taking to address the growing needs of the eighth-largest county in Texas. The proposed Mobility and Parks Bonds are set to play a pivotal role in accommodating the changing landscape and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

Judge George along with Fort Bend County Engineer Stacy Slawinski, Fort Bend County Auditor Ed Sturdivant, and Fort Bend County Parks Director Darren McCarthy spoke about the importance of the Mobility and Parks Bonds.

"Our county is a great place to live and work, and that's no secret. As we continue to attract businesses and residents, we want to ensure that we maintain the quality of life our residents are accustomed to and attract industry to our region. That's why these proposed bonds, will help us address the needs of our growing community," stated Judge George.

On November 7, Fort Bend County residents will head to the polls to cast their votes on the \$865 million Mobility and Parks Bond. The Bond proposal contains 98 projects, which include a Mobility Bond, valued at \$712 million, and the Parks Bond, totaling \$153 million.

The Mobility Bond will focus on improving the transportation infrastructure, including road maintenance, and new road construction. With this bond, Fort Bend County aims to reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety, and make commuting more efficient for residents.

County Engineer Stacy Slawinski noted that there are 70 new roadway projects and over 20 projects that are traffic and pedestrian improvement projects. Additionally, Slawinski highlighted the FM 2759 project from FM 762 to the city of Thompsons, stating that the current asphalt road will connect to the future Bridge when the Fort Bend Toll Road is extended over the Brazos River. The bridge will bring a significant amount of traffic to Thompsons, so the FM 2759 project is necessary to take on the higher demand.

The Parks Bond will prioritize the development and enhancement of parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces. Some of the projects include creating a safe crossover from Freedom Park in Precinct 1 across Westheimer Parkway, constructing a senior center in Precinct 2 in Rosenberg, in Precinct 3 building a splash pad and cricket field in Sta-Mo Park, and re-opening the T.W. Davis WMCA in Precinct 4.

During the press conference, Judge George took the opportunity to address the misleading and distorted messages that have been circulating within the community regarding the Mobility and Parks Bonds, highlighting that it is important for residents to rely on accurate sources of information and to be aware of deceptive tactics aimed at misleading the public.

Judge George urged residents to visit the County's website at <u>FBCTX.gov</u> for more information on the Bond proposals. Additionally, Judge George announced that he will host another community information meeting on Thursday, October 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Attack Poverty, 1305 Clay St, Richmond, TX 77469.

*You can view the press conference in its entirety on





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