

# ***RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT***

FOR THE FORT BEND ISD 2023 BOND ELECTION

**BY THE**

**GREATER FORT BEND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council (GFBEDC) is a public-private partnership established in 1986 to promote economic vitality and to ensure quality development in Fort Bend County; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, adding an estimated 273,152 residents and growing by 47% from 2010 to 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD) currently serves approximately 80,000 students and is the 5th largest school district in Texas with more than 80 campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend schools have and do act as magnets for quality growth in our community and past performance by FBISD has led to high achievements by students enrolled in the district and created great interest in families and businesses moving to Fort Bend County; and

**WHEREAS**, FBISD faces a number of challenges including significant improvements needed to aging facilities, new capacity in growing parts of the district, consolidation and optimization in other parts of the district, transportation and technology upgrades that provide operational savings, a rebuild of Clements High School due to facility condition concerns and a third natatorium to provide services in the southeast part of the district, and

**WHEREAS**, FBISD has committed to using these bond proceeds to carry out the bond facility programs without increasing the overall tax rate, and

**WHEREAS**, FBEDC has had active members of its Board of Directors on the FBISD bond oversight committee since its inception and has been active in overseeing the districts bond programs since 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, FBISD's Board of Trustees called for a \$ 1.2 billion dollar bond election to be placed on the May 6, 2023 ballot, including Proposition A (\$1.16B) for existing school improvements, news schools, school consolidation and rebuilds, safety and transportation enhancement; Proposition B (\$52.5M) for technology needs, and Proposition C (\$22.9M) for a new natatorium; and

**WHEREAS**, the GFBEDC has received a presentation and, based on a response from its Board of Directors agreed to support the proposed capital programs and devote staff time to help it succeed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the GFBEDC Board of Directors supports the passage of the FBISD bond propositions.

PASSED and APPROVED on February 16, 2023



Jared Jameson, Chairman

*Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council*