## IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF

## FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUPPLEMENTAL and FINAL ORDER ADOPTING REVISED COUNTY POLITICAL BOUNDARIES, INCLUDING VOTING PRECINCTS FOLLOWING IMPOSITION OF COURT ORDERED DISTRICTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL, STATE SENATE <u>AND STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas previously adopted a plan for the redistricting of Commissioners Court and Justice of the Peace Precincts. At the time the County adopted boundaries for county elections, the State of Texas was engaged in litigation challenging all State drawn political districts, including those for the United States Congress, and the Texas House of Representative and Texas Senate.

On February 28, 2012, the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas released Orders and maps for state lines that affect Fort Bend County. As a consequence of the boundary modifications made by the Federal Court, the Commissioners Court has determined that changes to the previously submitted plan for County Voting Precincts, or Voter Tabulation Districts, should be revised in conformity with the attached maps and charts.

The previous Order for Fort Bend redistricting, is

THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that this 1<sup>st</sup> Supplemental Order, along with all prior Orders of the Commissioners Court, shall be considered as a whole, and this 1<sup>st</sup> Supplemental Order shall constitute the FINAL ORDER of the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court regarding redistricting of all Fort Bend County political boundaries. To the extent necessary for a complete submission to the United States Department of Justice, as

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required by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1973, this Order may be supplemented by such attachments and additional data as may be required by that statute without the necessity of further action by the Commissioners Court.

Legal Counsel for the County, the firm of Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP, is hereby authorized to make such necessary additions to the Submission to comply with the requirements of federal law, or the requests of Department of Justice pre-clearance reviewers.

This Supplemental Order shall be composed of the following information:

- 1. Copy of Federal Court Order(s) applicable to Fort Bend.
- 2. Map of County Election Precincts, accompanied by electronic SHP files, and related demographic data for same.
- 3. List of polling place changes, if any, including physical addresses for each revised Election Precinct polling place.
- 4. If necessary, a narrative explanation of any other condition or circumstance relevant to the redistricting of Fort Bend County political boundaries.
- 5. Sections 42.005, 42.0051, 42.006 and 42.007 of the Texas Election Code contain various provisions related to the creation of election precincts. The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas hereby recognizes that in some cases, the provisions of Section 42.007 are impracticable, in that portions of the municipal ward lines contain little or no population, and that as stand-alone entities, such areas cannot constitute a separate election precinct of suitable size or shape that contains a permissible number of voters or cannot be combined with other territory on the same side of a political boundary to form an election precinct of a suitable size or shape without causing another election precinct to fail to meet those same requirement. This Order recognizes that where such conditions exist, the Elections Administrator is given discretion to allocate territory in such a manner as to obtain substantial compliance with the applicable statutes.
- 6. Notice of Availability: A copy of the entire submission to the United States Department of Justice shall be available for inspection by the public during regular business hours

in the office of the County Clerk. The public is invited to make comment upon the plan with the Department of Justice. Comments should be addressed to the Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Chief, Voting Section Civil Rights Division, Room 7254 – NWB, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20530

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Redistricting Plan depicted in the maps and data attached to this Order are hereby APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas. This Final Order shall, in substance, constitute the submission for new political boundaries to the United States Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §1973. The Redistricting Plan adopted by this Order shall be effective, subject to Department of Justice preclearance, on the date of this Order, and for all subsequent elections until changed or modified by later Order. It is expressly understood that implementation of this plan shall not take place until the receipt of preclearance approval by the United States Department of Justice.

Signed this 13 day of March 2012.

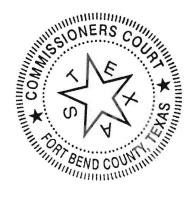
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ATTEST:

County Clerk, Ex Officio Clerk of the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court

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