FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MUCH WILL THE COUNTY ISSUE IN BONDS?
If citizens vote in favor of Proposition B on the November 3 ballot, the County will have the authority to issue up to $38.4 million in General Obligation bonds.

WHY IS THE COUNTY REQUESTING THE ISSUANCE OF PARK BONDS?
Fort Bend County has ten active parks, three leased parks, and four community centers. Our parks feature walking trails, playgrounds, basketball courts, baseball fields, soccer fields, football fields, cricket fields, splash pads, fishing holes, and other outdoor recreation. We also offer pavilions, community centers, and Fair Ground building rentals for private events.
These resources periodically require renovations and/or replacements due to their regular “life expectancy,” natural wear and tear from daily use and constant exposure to the elements (steady sunlight, rainfall, heat, etc.) As the County’s population grows there is also a need to add additional park infrastructure and amenities to keep up with demand.

HOW WILL THE PARKS BONDS BE USED?
The new funding would allow the County to execute large-scale upgrades and enhancements to its parks. These include new playgrounds, walking and exercise trails, outdoor fitness equipment, athletic spaces, increased lighting, shade structures, renovated restrooms, community center improvements and ADA accessibility improvements. A total of 24 projects are included in the parks bond.

WILL THE USE OF BONDS INCREASE THE TAX RATE?
No. The Fort Bend County Commissioners Court included a commitment in the Parks Bond Order to not increase the tax rate for the issuance of the Parks Bonds once issued.

IF THE BOND ELECTION IS APPROVED, HOW QUICKLY WILL PROJECTS BEGIN?
If approved, Fort Bend County would begin moving projects forward into design or into the construction phase as allowed.

HOW DO I VOTE?
Early voting begins on October 13 and Election Day is November 3. More information on how to register, where to vote, and early voting dates and locations is available here: https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/votes