



# COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2025, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** convened in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

**Mark A. Henry, County Judge;**  
**Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1;**  
**Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;**  
**Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;**  
**Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and**  
**Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk**

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

**Whereas**, HB 309 has been filed in the 89<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature and would ban the practice of taxpayer-funded lobbying; and

**Whereas**, taxpayer-funded lobbying in Texas has grown out of control and millions of dollars of taxpayer money is being spent in Austin to advocate against the best interest of taxpayers; and

**Whereas**, local government organizations, such as the Texas Association of Counties, have expanded beyond providing useful and important services and now use taxpayer funds for significant lobbying efforts that may operate in contradiction to local governing bodies; and

**Whereas**, HB 309 would not impact the ability of local governments to effectively communicate with the Texas Legislature, as local elected officials and their staff are exempt from registering as a lobbyist; and

**Whereas**, HB 309 would not dissolve local government organizations, such as the Texas Association of Counties, and would continue to allow these organizations to continue providing their other services.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** hereby acknowledges the following:

1. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** expresses its support for HB 309 and thanks Representative Terri Leo Wilson for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass HB 309 during the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

**Be it Further Resolved** that a copy of this **Resolution** is spread upon the minutes of this **Court** and copies be sent to the Office of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, and the Office of the Governor of Texas.

**Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded**, the above **Resolution** passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2025.

Attest:

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

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Mark A. Henry, County Judge

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Darrell A. Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

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Hank Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3

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Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

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Robin Armstrong, MD, Comm., Pct. #4