



COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 17th day of March 2025 the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** convened in a special meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark Henry, County Judge;
Darrell 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, SB 19 has been filed in the 89th 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, SB 19 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, SB 19 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 SB 19 and thanks Senator Mayes Middleton for introducing this important piece of legislation
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass SB 19 during the 89th 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 17th day of March 2025.

Attest:

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

Darrell Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2



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By:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Hank Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3

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