

## AFFH CERTIFICATION

The County of Galveston certifies that it has taken “meaningful action” to address significant disparities that affect the protected classes and vulnerable populations. We certify that we have kept the protected classes and vulnerable populations in mind during project selection and in the application preparation process for the Texas General Land Office CDBG Regional Mitigation Program application.

The County of Galveston has made a diligent effort to affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with the Fair Housing Act and HUD's AFFH rule. *"For purposes of the AFFH rule, the duty to "affirmatively further fair housing" means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcomes patterns of segregation and fosters inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws."*

The proposed projects are aimed to promote fair housing practices, with a focus on protecting the rights of all residents, especially those belonging to protected classes, vulnerable populations and low-to-moderate income areas. This commitment reflects our dedication to fostering an equitable community for every individual in the County of Galveston.



Mark Henry, County Judge

05/20/2026

Date