



# 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**, future protection from coastal surges caused by hurricanes and tropical storms is critical to the Texas Coast's well-being, and **The Gulf Coast Protection District** is responsible for overseeing projects that fortify infrastructure, protect economic assets, and safeguard our communities against these increasing threats; and

**Whereas**, **The Gulf Coast Protection District** was established by the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 2021 through Senate Bill 1160 to include Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, and Orange counties; and

**Whereas**, SB 410, introduced by Senator Middleton, seeks to enhance the governance, operations, and financial management of **The Gulf Coast Protection District** to ensure its projects effectively meet the needs of the region; and

**Whereas**, SB 410 would require that a supermajority of voters in **The Gulf Coast Protection District** approve the creation of an ad valorem tax rate in the district; and

**Whereas**, to guarantee that all member counties have an equal say in important decisions, the voting structure of **The Gulf Coast Protection District** should be updated to ensure that no tax rate is passed unless two-thirds of voters approve it; and

**Whereas**, the passage of SB 410 does not hinder **The Gulf Coast Protection District's** mission to advance projects that mitigate flood risks and protect the economic vitality and safety of the Texas Coast.

**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 410 and thanks Senator Mayes Middleton for introducing this important piece of legislation; and
2. The **Galveston County Commissioners Court** respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass SB 410 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