NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

February 4, 2022

Notice is also given that a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, will be held on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Courtroom of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building, 1001 Preston Street, Houston, Texas. The meeting is also being held virtually to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings and thus slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The meeting will be held for the purpose of a public hearing on and consideration of the proposed budgets for, as well as action adopting the budgets for Short Fiscal Year 2022 (beginning March 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022) for Harris County, the Harris County Flood Control District, the Harris County Toll Road Authority and the Harris County Hospital District (dba Harris Health System), and for the FY 2023 planning budget for Harris County. The meeting will be held for the purpose of considering and taking action on these and other matters brought before the Court as shown on the posted agenda. Notice is also given that, prior to the adjournment of the meeting, the Court may also consider supplemental agenda items and/or emergency or urgent public necessity agenda items. Supplemental items may be published up to 72 hours before a meeting of the Harris County Commissioners Court. Emergency or urgent public necessity items may be published up to one (1) hour before a meeting of the Harris County Commissioners Court's courtroom on the day of the meeting or via the internet at https://agenda.harriscountyt.gov.

Members of the public may attend, participate and/or address Commissioners Court in-person or may virtually access the meeting through the following link: <u>https://agenda.harriscountytx.gov</u>. Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person may make comments by signing up to speak in the Commissioners Court's courtroom before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, when the meeting begins. Members of the public who attend virtually may make comments by signing up to speak by no later than 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at <u>https://appearancerequest.harriscountytx.gov/</u>. If you sign up to speak, you will be placed in a queue and will be called when it is your time to speak.

If more than 25 members of the public sign up to make comments, each speaker's comments will be limited to, at most, one (1) minute in total, notwithstanding how many agenda items the speaker signs up to comment on. If 25 members of the public or fewer sign up to make comments, each speaker's comments will be limited to, at most, three (3) minutes in total, notwithstanding how many agenda items the speaker signs up to comment on. Members of the public who have appeared before Commissioners Court on the same issue during any of the past three meetings will be limited to, at most, one minute in total to comment. Members of the public who sign up to speak about a topic that does not address a specific agenda item will be limited to, at most, one minute in total to comment, which will take place after all agenda item-related comments have been made. Members of the public are also invited to email their written comments to Commissioners Court at <u>CommissionersCourt@hctx.net</u>.

It is the intention of the Harris County Commissioners Court to provide open access to all members of the public of Harris County to express themselves on issues addressed by County government. However, members of the public are reminded that the Harris County Commissioners Court is a constitutional court, created by the State with judicial, administrative and legislative powers. As such, the Harris County Commissioners Court possesses the authority to issue Contempt of Court citations. Accordingly, persons shall conduct themselves with proper respect and decorum in addressing the Court, in participating in public discussions before the Court, and in all actions in the presence of the Court. Profane, insulting or threatening language, and racial, ethnic or gender slurs or epithets will not be tolerated. Those persons who do not conduct themselves in an orderly and appropriate manner will be ordered to leave the meeting and recognition to speak may be refused at subsequent meetings of the Court. Refusal to abide by the Court's Order may result in a Contempt of Court Citation.

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