

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TEXAS PROPOSITION 2 TO PROVIDE \$200 MILLION FOR WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS

WHEREAS, the West Houston Association's West Houston 2060 Plan (www.westhouston2060.org) calls for adequate surface water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Texans voted to an Economically Distressed Areas Program to provide the Texas Water Development Board with funds to support water supply projects in areas that meet certain criteria, including income and employment thresholds and proximity to an international border;

WHEREAS, as of February 2019, Harris County met income and employment thresholds sufficient to qualify as an Economically Distressed Area; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 79 will appear as Proposition 2 on the November 5, 2019 ballot and ask voters to consider, "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas.;" and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board will administer this funding in a manner that is likely consistent with the West Houston 2060 Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WEST HOUSTON ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS TEXAS PROPOSITION 2 PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL \$200 MILLION FOR WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS.

Adopted by the West Houston Association's Board of Directors this 22nd day of October, 2019.

Heath Melton Chairman of the Board