

## **Fort Bend County Updates**

### **K. P. George, County Judge**

Fort Bend County  
Rosenberg, Texas

As the first County Judge of South Asian descent, Judge George has been instrumental in managing the County's diverse and rapidly growing population. Serving in office since January 2019, he was overwhelmingly re-elected for a second term in November 2022.

Fort Bend County stands as a prime example of ethnic diversity in the United States, with an estimated population of 893,999 and a growth rate of 2.75% in the past year. Ranked as the eighth largest county in Texas, Fort Bend is projected to exceed 1 million residents by 2027 and reach 1.8 million residents by 2050.

As the presiding officer of the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, Judge George, along with four County Commissioners, manages a substantial budget of nearly \$400 million. Their responsibilities encompass overseeing county operations, services, and facilities, as well as maintaining infrastructure, transportation, parks, and libraries. In addition to these duties, Judge George also serves as the county's director of emergency management, leading efforts to coordinate responses to emergencies and disasters in collaboration with various government agencies, public safety officials, nonprofit organizations, and elected officials.

Transparency and accessibility are at the core of Judge George's governance principles. He introduced the myFBC mobile app, allowing residents to easily stream commissioners' court sessions—a first under his administration. Moreover, his post-COVID-19 initiatives have resulted in securing over \$112 million in federal funding for various projects, including infrastructure, economic development, and relief efforts for residents and businesses.

Notable programs under Judge George's leadership include the allocation of nearly \$20 million in Nonprofit Assistance grants aimed at strengthening under-resourced communities through affordable housing, education, and revitalization efforts. Additionally, the Small Business program has provided emergency assistance to more than 2,750 businesses, distributing over \$20 million, with a special focus on supporting minority and women-owned small businesses through the Small Business Accelerator Program.

Judge George's vision extends to making the local government more effective, engaging, and efficient for current and future generations. His commitment to the welfare of Fort Bend County and its residents has resulted in numerous successes, turning bold ideas into tangible and impactful outcomes.