



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George
County Judge

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Dear Business Leader,

During these uncharted times, the ramifications of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continue to impact people, industries, and countries around the world. Fort Bend County is committed to the timely release of reliable facts and information to the public regarding the status of COVID-19 cases, and its prevention and treatment, to save lives. The County is also working hard to alleviate the corresponding economic and financial impact so that jobs and economic activity can recover quickly. We need your help as business leaders, from small to large companies, to band together to keep people employed and assist in the recovery process. Our goal is for our business community to receive as many resources from available federal and state funding streams as quickly as possible.

One of the most important resources released from the Federal Government to support business activities is the \$376 billion relief package from the CARES Act available to American workers and small businesses. You can find the Small Business Administration's information on the [Paycheck Protection Program](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options), [EIDL Loan Assistance](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options), [SBA Express Bridge Loans](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options), and [SBA Debt Relief](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options) at: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>.

A recent survey of the business community found that the Payroll Protection Plan has become a top program for our needs. Please find additional information here:

- <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Paycheck-Protection-Program-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>
- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/top-priorities/cares-act/assistance-for-small-businesses>

Additionally, the State of Texas and the Texas Workforce Commission have created a variety of resources both for employers and workers regarding the COVID-19 incident at: <https://twc.texas.gov/news/covid-19-resources-employers>.

Because of the actions needed to blunt the impact of COVID-19 to protect the safety and well-being of all Americans, businesses of all sizes are experiencing a temporary drop in revenue. As more information becomes available on resources to assist our businesses and workers, the County will inform the public for the benefit of our community.

In the midst of these unimaginable difficulties, I am confident that we will emerge from this challenge stronger and more resilient as a County, Region, State, and Country, together.

If you need to get connected with my office, please email FBC.Judge@FortBendCountyTx.Gov.

Stay safe,


KP George
Fort Bend County Judge