

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-__

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF TEXAS SEEK A WAIVER TO THE 70 PERCENT OVERALL BENEFIT REQUIREMENT AND PROPOSE THAT 50 PERCENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS BE USED TO SUPPORT LOW-AND MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS AND SUPPORTING GALVESTON COUNTY'S EFFORTS IN SEEKING SAID WAIVER

WHEREAS, Federal Register, FR-6066-N-01, Section VI.A.8, page 5855, statute requires that not less than 70 percent of aggregate of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds be used to support activities benefitting low-to moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of League City, Texas ("City"), is requesting the State of Texas pursue maximizing flexibility in the use of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) funds by request of a waiver from HUD or by State Administrative action, if sufficient authority exists, to seek a reduction in the 70% overall benefit requirement; and

WHEREAS, based on the City's experience with previous recovery efforts during Hurricanes Rita and Ike, restricting the majority of funding to activities that only benefit low-to moderate- income persons results in disparities in housing recovery assistance and can prevent the implementation of critical infrastructure and mitigation projects that benefit entire communities; and

WHEREAS, natural disasters, and the associated impacts to the citizens of Texas, are not restricted to mostly low-to moderate-income areas since many households and communities across the State of Texas have undergone massive setbacks due to Hurricane Harvey regardless of income levels; and

WHEREAS, maximum flexibility in the use of CDBG-DR funds is essential to ensure a robust and lasting recovery and to help our communities better prepare for future storms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City of League City, Texas, respectfully requests the State of Texas seek a waiver to the 70 percent overall benefit requirement which is allowed under FR-6066-N-01, Sections IV and VI, and propose a 50 percent aggregate of CDBG-DR funds be used to support low- and moderate-income persons.

Section 2. That the City of League City, Texas, supports Galveston County's efforts in seeking said waiver and proposing that 50 percent aggregate of CDBG-DR funds be used to support low- and moderate-income persons.

Section 3. All resolutions and agreements and parts of resolutions and agreements in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED the _____ day of _____, 2018.

PAT HALLISEY
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NGHIEM V. DOAN
City Attorney