

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as "School District", is a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas whose governing board has seven (7) publicly elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as "Hospital District", is a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas whose governing board has seven (7) publicly elected officials; and

WHEREAS, ODESSA JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as "College District", is a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas whose governing board has nine (9) publicly elected officials; and

WHEREAS, ECTOR COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as "County", is a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas, whose governing board has five (5) publicly elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF ODESSA, hereinafter referred to as "City", is a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas, whose governing board has seven (7) publicly elected officials; and

WHEREAS, each of the respective Entities anticipate that there may be changes in the population and demographics since the official 2020 U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, each Entity believes it is the responsibility and obligation of the Entity to review the present population and demographics for purposes of determining whether any change or modification should be implemented in the method its governing board is elected; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Census is completing the official U.S. Census for 2020 and will be publishing the official results in the near future; and

WHEREAS, to properly determine the present population and voting demographics of each District, it will be necessary to employ certain experts in the areas of demographics, statistics and voting rights, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of each Entity that it will be more economical to form a Joint Task Force Committee for the purpose of compiling the information, studies and proposals to be utilized by all Entities at an economy of cost and savings to the taxpayers of each Entity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be delivered by each Entity, the financial and cost savings to the voters and taxpayers in each Entity and to provide for full public awareness, information and input from the Community for determining the means and methods of electing the governing body of each respective Entity and pursuant to the authority of Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, the School District, Hospital District, College District, County and City agree to form a Joint Task Force Committee for the purpose of jointly considering the hiring of a demographer and legal expert in the area of redistricting; and to consider the information provided by such population, demographic, statistical and voting

rights experts retained by the Entities and make recommendations to each respective Entity on the matters referred to herein, all on the following terms and conditions:

1. The JTC shall be composed of 10 members, being:
 - (a) The Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer of the School District;
 - (b) The Administrator/Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital District;
 - (c) The President /Chief Executive Officers of the College District;
 - (d) The County Judge;
 - (e) The City Manager of the City;
 - (f) One (1) member of the Board of Trustees of the School District to be selected and appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees of the School District;
 - (g) One (1) member of the Board of Directors of the Hospital District to be selected and appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Hospital District;
 - (h) One (1) member of the Board of Trustees of the College District to be selected and appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees of the College District;
 - (i) One (1) member of the Commissioners Court to be selected and appointed by the County Judge.
 - (j) One (1) member of the City Council selected and appointed by the Mayor of the City of Odessa.
2. The JTC shall elect from its own committee members, a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and secretary. In the absence of the secretary, the chairperson or vice-chairperson shall appoint any member of the JTC present to act as secretary for that meeting.
3. The purposes of the JTC shall be to research the hiring of experts, and with the assistance of experts retained by each Entity in regards to population and demographics, statistical and voting rights areas of expertise, to study the present population and demographics of Ector County, Texas, and to assist and facilitate each Entity in the study process. The JTC shall not have the authority to obligate or bind any Entity.
4. The term shall be the time required for the JTC to perform its assigned purposes or until a majority of the Entities, by affirmative vote of their respective governing boards, shall vote to terminate this Agreement.
5. All costs and expenses incurred by the JTC in the performance of its duties and responsibilities shall be shared equally among the respective Entities, except each Entity shall bear the cost of its own respective attorneys. Members shall receive no compensation or remuneration for their services. A member may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties

provided all required receipts and invoices are presented with request for payment.

- 6. All meetings of the JTC shall be governed by the Open Meetings Act and reasonable efforts will be made by the JTC to notify representative groups of the community of each meeting.
- 7. All documents, records and minutes of the JTC shall be governed by the Public Information Act of the State of Texas.

THIS Agreement constitutes the agreement and understanding of the respective parties with regard to the information and purposes of the JTC and this Agreement may not be altered, changed or modified without the written consent of the majority vote of the governing boards of the Entities being a party to this Agreement.

EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Superintendent

ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

By: _____
Chief Executive Officer

ODESSA JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

By: _____
President of the Board of Trustees

ECTOR COUNTY

By: _____
County Judge

CITY OF ODESSA

By: _____
City Manager