



September 24, 2024

Dear Fort Bend Citizen,

The Fort Bend Business Coalition (FBBC) endorses candidates and elected officials who share our core values and interest in making Fort Bend County the best place to conduct business in Texas and the nation. As such, our endorsements are of the utmost importance to our organization.

Prior to the March 2024 Primary, the FBBC personally interviewed three candidates vying for the position Fort Bend County Commissioner, Precinct 3. As a result of these interviews, the FBBC endorsed Republican candidate and incumbent Commissioner Andy Meyers. We further deemed two Democratic candidates, Allen Bogard and Taral Patel, both well-qualified for the position.

Current events have changed our position. Based on the 8 indictments – 4 felony and 4 misdemeanor – as a result of the Texas Ranger's and numerous media investigations into Mr. Patel, **the FBBC is officially withdrawing our support of Taral Patel for Fort Bend County Commissioner Precinct 3 in the November 2024 election.** We concur with Fort Bend County Commissioner Dexter McCoy and former Fort Bend County Judge candidate Ferrel Bonner's sentiment on Mr. Patel. The Democrat Party in Fort Bend can and should do better.

The FBBC stands by our endorsement of Commissioner Andy Meyers for Precinct 3 in the November election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David C. Johnston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

David C. Johnston
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