

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TASK FORCE

Guide to the
Task Force Bylaws

Harris County Judge's Office
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INTRODUCTION

The Harris County Flood Control Task Force was created by Harris County Commissioners Court in 1972 to advise and recommend “policies and programs to adequately protect homes and businesses from the hazards of flooding and facilitate economic development.” Harris County is in the process of reshaping this entity into the **Harris County Community Resilience Task Force** to reflect a broader approach to the infrastructure challenges and opportunities in our community.

In conjunction with the Task Force, Harris County aims to establish an **Infrastructure Resilience Team** (IRT), made up of representatives from County departments, to develop and guide implementation of a 2050 Harris County Flood and Infrastructure Resilience Plan (Resilience Plan). These two efforts are designed to work together to promote multidisciplinary resilience across Harris County.

The Community Resilience Task Force Bylaws will serve as a governing document and lay out the purpose, structure, scope, and procedures for the Task Force. **This Guide provides an overview of the draft bylaws on which we are seeking public input.** Note that the draft of the bylaws being presented for public input is very much a working document and will be finalized after public engagement and with support from the Harris County Attorney’s Office to ensure consistency with internal procedures and legal requirements.

The Office of Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo invites you to share your thoughts and ideas on these in-process bylaws. **The community is invited to comment July 20-30th, 2020, via several methods.**

- 1** Email CRTF@cjo.hctx.net and submit your comments digitally
- 2** Join a virtual focus group via Zoom
- 3** Offer input at the 7/28/2020 Commissioners Court

Visit cjo.harriscountytexas.gov/crtf for more details and information.

**Thank you for your participation in this process.
We are grateful for your time and voice!**

PURPOSE & TASKS

The **PURPOSE** of the Community Resilience Task Force is

“ To act as an advisory board to Commissioners Court on matters related to planning, projects, and other efforts concerning infrastructure resilience in Harris County that includes a wide range of stakeholders reflecting a diversity of experience and geographic, socioeconomic, and demographic attributes. ”

The **TASKS** of the Community Resilience Task Force are to:

1. Review and Provide Feedback on:

- Commissioners Court items and specific project approvals related to resilience
- Creation and development of the Resilience Plan and overall approach to resilience
- Funding strategies and equity in spending priorities for flood mitigation and other resilience expenditures

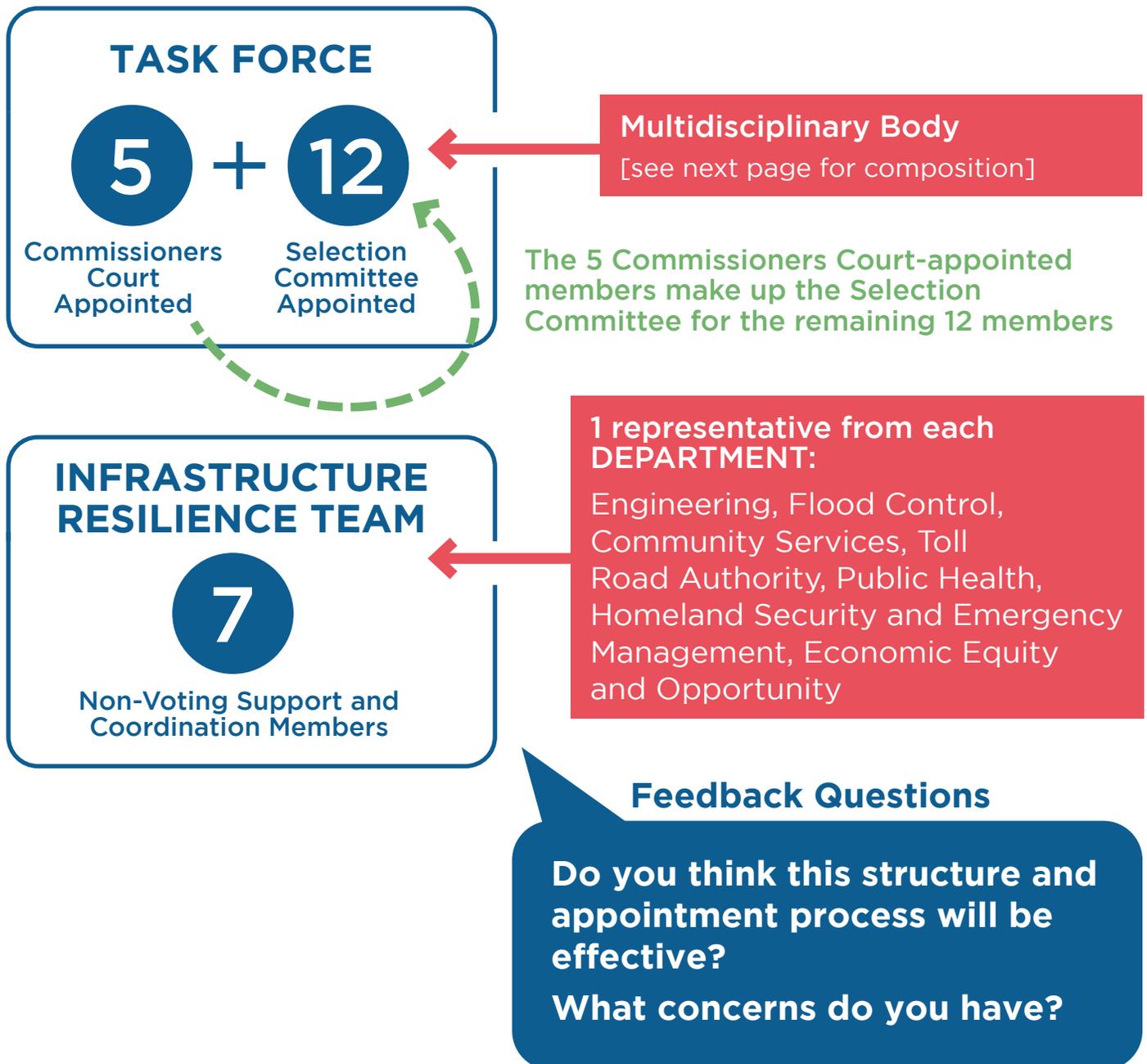
2. Create and maintain robust pathways for community engagement—especially from impacted and underserved communities—to improve effectiveness of resilience-related projects.

Feedback Questions

**Do you agree with the Task Force Purpose and Tasks?
What would you change?
Is anything missing?**

STRUCTURE

This draft of the bylaws proposes the following organizational structure for the Community Resilience Task Force. The members should represent the geographic, racial, gender, age, and ethnic diversity of Harris County and will meet at least 6 times per year.



COMPOSITION

This draft of bylaws proposes the following composition and makeup of the Task Force. **Appointed members must be residents of Harris County, have a demonstrated interest in serving the community, and meet one or more of the following qualifications:**

- Represent one or more larger Harris County communities impacted by flood and infrastructure disruptions and resilience efforts
- Demonstrate knowledge of or interest in equitable and sustainable infrastructure resilience or flood mitigation
- Demonstrate knowledge of or interest in the socioeconomic and demographic factors that affect the resilience of communities



At least 1 representative from each SECTOR*:

1. Housing/Land Use
2. Health
3. Engineering/Construction
4. Urban Design/Planning
5. Environment
6. Community Leadership
7. Social Justice
8. Other Regional Infrastructure

*At least (3) members must represent low-income neighborhoods, historically underrepresented communities, and/or one or more socially vulnerable populations

AND

At least (3) members must have technical expertise in equitable, environmentally sustainable infrastructure resilience and/or flood mitigation.

Feedback Questions

Do you think this composition allows for the right mix of people on the Task Force?
What concerns do you have?

NEXT STEPS

We appreciate hearing your thoughts!

Share your input on these in-process bylaws by doing one of the following **before July 30th, 2020.**

- 1** Email CRTF@cjo.hctx.net and submit your comments digitally
- 2** Join a virtual focus group via Zoom
 - [Register here](#) for July 23rd at 3pm
 - [Register here](#) for July 30th at 10am
- 3** Offer input at the **7/28/2020 Commissioners Court**
 - [Sign up to speak here](#)

Need More Information?

Visit cjo.harriscountytexas.gov/crtf for more information, to join the email list, or to stay up to date on the Task Force.

Any Questions?

Email CRTF@cjo.hctx.net to connect with a member of the County Judge Lina Hidalgo's Team