



January 5, 2021

The Honorable Tim Lapham  
Austin County Judge  
One East Main  
Bellville, Texas 77418

*Via electronic mail to [tlapham@austincounty.com](mailto:tlapham@austincounty.com)*

Dear Judge Lapham:

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John Hellerstedt, MD

cc: Mayors in Austin County



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The Honorable Ty Prause  
Colorado County Judge  
400 Spring Street  
Columbus, Texas 78934

*Via electronic mail to ty.prause@co.colorado.tx.us*

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cc: Mayors in Colorado County



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The Honorable K.P. George  
Fort Bend County Judge  
301 Jackson Street  
Richmond, Texas 77469

*Via electronic mail to KP.George@fortbendcountytexas.gov*

Dear Judge George:

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cc: Mayors in Fort Bend County



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The Honorable Lina Hidalgo  
Harris County Judge  
1001 Preston, Ste 911  
Houston, Texas 77002

*Via electronic mail to [lmh.hidalgo@cjo.hctx.net](mailto:lmh.hidalgo@cjo.hctx.net)*

Dear Judge Hidalgo:

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cc: Mayors in Harris County





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The Honorable Nate McDonald  
Matagorda County Judge  
1700 7th Street  
Bay City, Texas 77414

*Via electronic mail to [cojudge@co.matagorda.tx.us](mailto:cojudge@co.matagorda.tx.us)*

Dear Judge McDonald:

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cc: Mayors in Matagorda County



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The Honorable Mark Keough  
Montgomery County Judge  
1501 N Thompson, Suite 401  
Conroe, Texas 77303

*Via electronic mail to [cojudge@mctx.org](mailto:cojudge@mctx.org)*

Dear Judge Keough:

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cc: Mayors in Montgomery County



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The Honorable Danny Pierce  
Walker County Judge  
1100 University Ave Suite 204  
Huntsville, Texas 77340

*Via electronic mail to dpierce@co.walker.tx.us*

Dear Judge Pierce:

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cc: Mayors in Walker County



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The Honorable Trey Duhon  
Waller County Judge  
836 Austin Street, Suite 203  
Hempstead, Texas 77445

*Via electronic mail to t.duhon@wallercounty.us*

Dear Judge Duhon:

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cc: Mayors in Waller County





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The Honorable Phillip Spenrath  
Wharton County Judge  
100 S. Fulton Street  
Wharton, Texas 77488

*Via electronic mail to [judge.spenrath@co.wharton.tx.us](mailto:judge.spenrath@co.wharton.tx.us)*

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