

## **RESOLUTION REGARDING REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Harris County Democratic Party supports:**

- **Good management of the Region H Water Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan to increase the quality of all human life and reuse and recycle limited water resources.**
- **Appropriate and high human life and health science-based standards for regulating both surface and underground drinking water supplies.**
- **Green-space for parks, recreation, floodwater management, and wetlands protection within the region.**
- **An environmental economic formula for water and transportation projects funded with public revenue, that includes an environmental assessment to protect public health as well as public funds.**

### **FACTS TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION:**

- Harris County, Texas is the third largest populated county in the United States with about 2 million voters and 3 million residents;
- The City of Houston is the 4th largest city in the United States; it is the home to the petrochemical industry, NASA, more than 16 institutions of higher learning and the largest medical complex in the world;
- The surface and near-surface groundwater in the Houston Region are polluted with urban and industrial chemicals and waste;
- The Houston Region is subject to natural geological ground subsidence and land subsidence increases with groundwater production;
- Special Subsidence Districts have been created to manage groundwater production within Harris, Galveston and Fort Bend counties;
- Regional water and transportation plans have been created for Harris and adjacent counties within the Houston Region.

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