

July 1, 2021

Honorable Darrell Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Honorable Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Honorable Stephen D. Holmes, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Honorable Ken Clark, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Re: Concerns regarding Judge Henry's proposed "Declaration Of Local State Of Disaster"

Gentlemen:

By way of introduction, I am a native Texan, a resident of Galveston County, a constituent of Commissioner Clark and Constable West, a Democrat by political affiliation, a scientist by training, and a fiscal conservative by life experience.

Tomorrow, you will be asked to authorize Judge Henry's proposed "Declaration Of Local State Of Disaster". Unlike with other natural disasters which Judge Henry has helped us navigate, I have serious misgivings about this Declaration:

- There is little or no evidence to substantiate the unfounded claims used as justification for this Declaration. If there are sound, evidence-based facts for such justification, they should be publicly presented and carefully considered by the Commissioners prior to voting on the authorization.
- If this Declaration is really to address a public health problem, the solution should involve the community of medical and health care professionals, not just law enforcement officers.
- As a tax payer and fiscal conservative, I must ask: Do we really have such a surplus of personnel and money that we can afford to allocate such extensive resources outside of Galveston County? From what I read and see on the news, we have enough of our own problems right here at home, and most are not related to immigration, legal or otherwise.
- As someone involved in the political process, this whole ill-considered Declaration reeks of political showmanship and unabashed pandering. It is a solution in search of a problem, with no actual proof for exactly what the problem is, or how the proposed actions would address it, other than getting free media exposure.

I respectfully and urgently request that ***you not vote to authorize*** this Declaration until and unless such time as you have considered the concerns outlined in the attached document, and have satisfied yourself that this action will be in the best interest of the residents and tax payers of Galveston County.

Sincerely,



C. John Young, Jr.

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cc. Honorable Mark Henry, County Judge