NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE
PORT OF PORT ARTHUR NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

District's Website: https://portpa.com/
Jefferson County's Website: https://jeffersoncountytx.gov/

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas on November 4, 2025 concerning the issuance of bonds in accordance with an order that reads substantially as follows:

AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE PORT OF PORT ARTHUR NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THAT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (the *Board*) of The Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas (the *District*), located in Jefferson County, Texas (the *County*), has determined that an estimate of the cost of extensions or additional improvements necessary for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing, constructing, improving and developing wharves, docks, warehouses, other storage facilities, terminal facilities and other facilities or aids to navigation consistent with or necessary to the operation or development of ports or waterways, including the acquisition of necessary lands, together with all expenses incident thereto, will be approximately $92,000,000, which estimate is hereby approved by this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that a special election (the *Election*) should be held to determine whether the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount and for the purposes identified in this order (the *Order*); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the County, acting by and through its County Clerk (the *County Clerk*) to conduct all aspects of the Election for all registered voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (collectively, the *Participants*) pursuant to a joint election or similar agreement according to the Texas Election Code, as amended (the *Code*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions described above are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF PORT ARTHUR NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. Election Ordered; Purpose; Amount. The Election will be held in The Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas, on November 4, 2025 (*Election Day*),

which is a uniform election date under the Code and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order, for the purpose of submitting the following legal question to the eligible voters of the District:

The Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas Measure A

> Shall the Board of Port Commissioners of The Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the District in the amount of $92,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing, constructing, improving and developing wharves, docks, warehouses, other storage facilities, terminal facilities and other facilities or aids to navigation consistent with or necessary to the operation or development of ports or waterways within the District, including the acquisition of necessary lands, together with all expenses incident thereto, with the bonds to mature not more than 40 years from their date, bear interest, and be issued and sold as permitted by law, and shall the Board of Port Commissioners of the District be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?

SECTION 2. Ballots. The Board authorizes voting electronically, by paper, or any combination thereof. Voters will vote on the official ballots by marking "FOR" or "AGAINST" the measure above with the following ballot language:

The Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas Proposition A

> THIS IS A TAX INCREASE; the issuance of bonds in the amount of $92,000,000 for wharves, docks, warehouses, other storage facilities, terminal facilities or aids to navigation consistent with or necessary to the operation or development of ports or waterways within the District, including the acquisition of necessary lands, and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

SECTION 3. Polling Details.

A. One or more District election precincts are established for Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with one or more corresponding polling places as identified on Exhibit A to this Order. As permitted by the Code, polling places may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election.

B. Exhibit A also includes the places, dates, and hours for early voting in person. As permitted by the Code, these details may be changed without further Board action; any changes will not affect this Order or subsequent notice of election. Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business on October 24, 2025. Applications should be sent to the Early Voting Clerk named below. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original.

SECTION 4. Election Officials. To the extent required by the Code or other applicable law, the appointment of election officials at polling locations will include a person fluent in the Spanish language.

A. The County Clerk will appoint poll workers in compliance with legal requirements, including access to Spanish translators and any other applicable languages.

B. The Early Voting Clerk is: Roxanne Acosta-Hellberg, County Clerk; mailing address: P.O. Box 1151, Beaumont, TX 77704; physical address: 1085 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701; telephone: (409) 835-8475; fax: (409) 839-2394; email: elections@jeffersoncountytx.gov. The Early Voting Clerk will appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks.

C. The County Clerk is authorized to establish an Early Voting Ballot Board and to designate the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board and, if needed, the members of Signature Verification Committee.

D. The District is authorized to use a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) if needed. The County Clerk or the designee is appointed as the Manager of the Station with the authority to appoint the Tabulation Supervisor, the Programmer, and any Clerks.

SECTION 5. Legal Compliance. The Election and notice of Election will be held and conducted according to the Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, materials relating to the Election will be printed in English, Spanish, and any other required language.

SECTION 6. Debt Obligations. The following information is calculated based on bond market conditions as of the date of the adoption of this Order; is further explained in one or more voter information documents attached to this Order as exhibits; and is not intended to serve as a cap or other restriction should the bonds be authorized at the Election.

A. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt totaled $83,990,000 (including maintenance tax debt, if any).

B. The aggregate amount of the interest owed on the District's debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled $43,941,025.

C. The District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of $0.0779 per $100 of taxable assessed valuation.

D. The bonds that are the subject of this Election are anticipated to mature serially or otherwise over 35 years, but not to exceed the maximum number of years authorized by Texas law.

E. The District estimates an ad valorem debt service tax rate of $0.1425 per $100 of taxable assessed valuation if the bonds that are the subject of the Election are approved and are issued (taking into account the outstanding District bonds and bonds that are the subject of this Election, but not future bond authorizations of the District). Such estimate considers several factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the

proposed bonds. Such estimated tax rate is provided as a matter of information but is not a legal limitation on the debt service tax rate.

F. This Order is intended to satisfy the official requirements set forth in section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 7. Contracting Authority. The Board authorizes the President of the Board or their designees to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts or similar contracts with the County, acting by and through the County Clerk, the District and any other Participants if desired or if required to comply with applicable law.

SECTION 8. Modifications. The Board acknowledges that information required to complete the Exhibits to this Order may not be available when the Election is ordered, and the Board therefore authorizes the President of the Board or his designees to correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to the extent permitted by applicable law. Additionally, the Board authorizes these individuals to make technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable law or to carry out the intent of the Board as evidenced in this Order.

SECTION 9. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble of this Order are found to be true.

SECTION 10. Conflicts. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order will be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 11. Controlling Law. This Order will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States.

SECTION 12. Open Meetings. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 13. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application of this Order to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the remainder of this Order remains effective.

SECTION 14. Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED on August 7, 2025./s/Heath Holt, Board President

Exhibit A (*Anexo A*)

Polling sites subject to change. (Sitios de votación sujetos a cambios.)

EARLY VOTING (*VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA*)
October 20 – October 31 (*20 - 30 de octubre*)

Election – Countywide Polling – All precincts may vote at any Vote Center. *(Eleccion – Lugares de votacion en todo el condado – Todos los precintos pueden votar en cualquier centro de votacion.)*

Election Day Polling Places *Localizaciones*	**Address** *Direccion*	**City, State, Zip Code** *Cuidad, Estado, Codigo postal*
Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)	20205 W. Hwy 90	China, TX 77613
Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
Hebert Library (Community Room)	2025 Merriman St	Port Neches, TX 77651
Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)	2712 Nederland Ave	Nederland, TX 77627
Groves Activity Building (Lounge)	6150 39th Street	Groves, TX 77619
Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)	525 Lakeshore Dr	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)	4615 9th Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby)	1085 Pearl St	Beaumont, TX 77701
John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr	Beaumont, TX 77703
Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)	4255 Fannett Rd	Beaumont, TX 77705

DATES AND HOURS FOR ALL ABOVE LOCATIONS:

(Fechas y Horas para todas las localizaciones anteriores):

October 20 – 24, 2025 (Octubre 20 – 24, 2025)	Monday - Friday (Lunes -Viernes)	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 25, 2025 (Octubre 25, 2025)	Saturday (Sábado)	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 26, 2025 (Octubre 26, 2025)	Sunday (Domingo)	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 27 – October 31, 2025 (Octubre 27 – Octubre 31, 2025)	Monday – Friday (Lunes – Viernes)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY (*DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN*)
NOVEMBER 4, 2025 (*4 de noviembre de 2025*)

Election – Countywide Polling – All precincts may vote at any Vote Center. *(Eleccion – Lugares de votacion en todo el condado – Todos los precintos pueden votar en cualquier centro de votacion.)*

Election Day Polling Places *Localizaciones*	**Address** *Direccion*	**City, State, Zip Code** *Cuidad, Estado, Codigo postal*
Amelia Elementary School (Gymnasium)	565 S. Major Dr	Beaumont, TX 77707
BISD Administration Building (Boardroom)	3395 Harrison Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)	20205 W. Hwy 90	China, TX 77613
Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
RC Miller Library (Meeting Room)	1605 Dowlen Road	Beaumont, TX 77706
Caldwood Elementary (Gymnasium)	102 Berkshire Lane	Beaumont, TX 77707
Bevil Oaks Civic Center	7390 Sweetgum Road	Bevil Oaks, TX 77713
Hebert Library (Community Room)	2025 Merriman St	Port Neches, TX 77651
Jefferson County WCID 10 Fire Station (Front Lobby)	2024 Spurlock Rd.	Nederland, TX 77627
Nederland Recreation Center (Meeting Room)	2301 Avenue H	Nederland, TX 77627
Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Jefferson County ESD #4 (Main Meeting Room)	12880 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)	2712 Nederland Ave	Nederland, TX 77627
Groves Activity Building (Lounge)	6150 39th Street	Groves, TX 77619
Hamshire VFD and Community Center	12318 2nd St	Hamshire, TX 77622
DeQueen Elementary (Fifth Grade Hall)	740 DeQueen Blvd	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)	525 Lakeshore Dr	Port Arthur, TX 77640
El Vista Community Center	615 Ellias Street	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Port Acres Elementary (Main Hallway)	5900 Jade Ave	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)	4615 9th Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77642
R.L. Gabby Eldridge Center	5262 S. Gulfway Dr	Sabine Pass, TX 77655
Travis Elementary (Library)	1115 Lakeview Ave	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Alice Keith Park Recreation Center	4075 Highland Ave	Beaumont, TX 77705
Charlton-Pollard Elementary (Gymnasium)	825 Jackson St	Beaumont, TX 77701
Lamar University Montagne Center (Cardinal Club Room)	4401 S. MLK Pkwy	Beaumont, TX 77705
Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby) **Main Polling Location**	1085 Pearl St	Beaumont, TX 77701
John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr	Beaumont, TX 77703
Precinct 4 Service Center (Conference Room)	7780 Boyt Rd	Beaumont, TX 77713
Roy Guess Elementary (Hallway near Gymnasium)	8055 Voth Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77708
Sterling Pruitt Center (Multi-purpose Room)	2930 Gulf St	Beaumont, TX 77703
Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)	4255 Fannett Rd	Beaumont, TX 77705

Exhibit B *(Anexo B)*

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT [not part of the contract with voters]

(DOCUMENTO DE INFORMATIVO PARA LOS VOTANTES) [no forma parte del contrato con las votantes]

Port of Port Arthur Navigation District Proposition A:
(Propuesta A del Distrito de Navegación del Puerto de Port Arthur:)

□ For *(a favor)* □ Against *(en contra)*	THIS IS A TAX INCREASE; the issuance of bonds in the amount of $92,000,000 for wharves, docks, warehouses, other storage facilities, terminal facilities or aids to navigation consistent with or necessary to the operation or development of ports or waterways within the District, including the acquisition of necessary lands, and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.	ESTE ES UN INCREMENTO DE IMPUESTO, la emisión de bonos por un monto de $92,000,000 para embarcaderos, muelles, bodegas, otras instalaciones de almacenamiento, instalaciones terminales o ayudas a la navegación compatibles o necesarias para la operación o desarrollo de puertos o vías navegables dentro del Distrito, incluyendo la adquisición de los terrenos necesarios, y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos.

principal of debt obligations to be authorized *(capital de obligaciones de deuda que se autorizará)*	$92,000,000
estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 5.25% *(interés estimado para las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán asumiendo una tasa de interés del 5.25%)*	$95,911,317
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 30 years *(capital e intereses consolidados estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán amortizar durante 30 años)*	$187,911,317
as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations *(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes)*	$83,990,000
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations *(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, el interés estimado de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes)*	$43,941,025
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over 22 years *(capital e intereses consolidados estimados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda pendientes amortizadas durante 22 años)*	$127,931,025
as of the date the election was ordered, the ad valorem debt service tax rate per $100 of taxable assessed valuation *(a partir de la fecha en que se ordenó la elección, la tasa impositiva ad valorem de servicio de la deuda por cada $100 de valuación tasada gravable)*	$0.0779
estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead with an appraised value of $100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved *(aumento anual máximo estimado de la cantidad de impuestos sobre una residencia principal con un valor estimado de $100,000 para saldar las obligaciones de deuda que se autorizarán, si se aprueba.)* This figure assumes application of a homestead exemption of $100,000. *(Esta cifra supone la aplicación de una exención de vivienda de $100,000.)* As noted above, this figure makes conservative assumptions about the amortization period of the debt obligations and the estimated interest rate. *(Como se señaló anteriormente, esta cifra hace suposiciones conservadoras sobre el período de amortización de las obligaciones de deuda y la tasa de interés estimada.)* Estimated future appraised values in the District are assumed to increase by 0.50% each year for the next 7 years and then remain unchanged thereafter. *(Se asume que los valores tasados futuros estimados en el Distrito aumentarán un 0.50% cada año durante los próximos 7 años y permanecerán sin cambios a partir de entonces.)*	$0.0648