

League City to make way for business

Business leaders in League City envision the passage of Proposition 1 as a way to stay up with their neighbors around Clear Lake who use economic development funds to attract business.

Area cities that have adopted the sales tax for economic development include Angleton, Clear Lake Shores, Dickinson, Galveston, Hitchcock, La Marque, La Porte, Nassau Bay, Pasadena, Pearland, Santa Fe, Seabrook, Sugar Land, Texas City, Kemah, and Webster.

"Basically, we've been operating with one arm behind our back and trying to do the job for League City, but we've got stiff competition," Tom Linklater, chairman of the League City Economic Development Corporation, said.

Passage of the initiative on the Nov. 1 ballot would allow the city to use the additional one-quarter cent as an investment to attract businesses to the city.



Leveling the field

A vote to empower League City to build infrastructure for business takes place on Nov. 1. For more info, go to www.leaguecityprop1.com

Funds could be used for infrastructure such as streets. Funds would be separate from city coffers, with a board of at least four citizens to administer the sales tax and determine projects to be funded.

According to city officials, approximately \$1.1 million in funds will be generated in the first year.

In February, City Council voted unanimously for a resolution to support the creation of the district. The

resolution stated, "The creation of such a district within the City is of such important benefit to its citizens that (the City Council) should adopt the resolution demonstrating full support in favor of the Municipal Development District."

Early voting will be held from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2 at the Galveston County Annex located at 174 Calder Road. On Nov. 6 Election Day, polling locations will be at League City's Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center (400 W. Walker St.), Ferguson Elementary School (1910 Compass Rose St.) and Ross Elementary (2401 West Main). Galveston County will also be conducting an election using the same polling locations in League City. However, a separate ballot will be used for the League City election (Proposition 1).

For more information on Proposition 1, please go to www.leaguecityprop1.com

Legislators lauded; cities cited

Kudos rain down on elected officials for devoted service at Bay Area Houston event

Without an open chair at the Lakewood Yacht Club, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's "Tribute to our Community Champions" Luncheon on Sept. 7 was a rousing, standing-room-only success.

The luncheon, hosted by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's Political Protocol Committee, thanked the local and state elected officials for their tremendous support of the greater Bay Area Houston region. As the region's premier economic development organization, BAHEP paid tribute to elected officials and community leaders who have demonstrated a marked interest and active promotion of the region of 12 cities and two counties. Attending the luncheon were Texas State senators and representatives from this area, elected officials from Harris and Galveston counties, business and community leaders, dignitaries, and appreciative citizens of the greater Bay Area Houston region.

The special honorees recognized during the "Tribute to our Community Champions" Luncheon were:

■ **State:** Texas State Senator Mike Jackson, Texas House of Reps. John E. Davis, Rick Noriega and Robert Talton;

■ **Galveston County:** Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark;

■ **Harris County:** Harris County Precinct 2



The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership honored local elected officials with a luncheon on Sept. 7 at Lakewood Yacht Club. Clockwise from top left photo: Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark receives a gift of appreciation from BAHEP staffer Harriet Lukee; top right photo: State elected officials attending were Rep. John E. Davis, Senator Mike Jackson, Reps. Rick Noriega and Robert Talton and Teri Goodman, representing Rep. Larry Taylor; bottom right photo, BAHEP President Jim Reinhartsen expresses his gratitude to Harris County officials, including Justice of the Peace Louie Ditta, Commissioner Precinct 2 Sylvia R. Garcia, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and Constable Bill Bailey.



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Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia, Harris County Constable Bill Bailey, Harris County Justice of the Peace Louie Ditta and Harris County Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado;

■ **Dickinson:** City of Dickinson Mayor Julie Masters, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Dunbaugh, and Council Member William H. King;

■ **El Lago:** Mayor Brad Emel, Council Members Amy Carr, Glendora Hill, David Noffsinger and Natalie Ong;

■ **Friendswood:** Mayor David Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Pe-

den, and Council Members Laura Ewing, John LeCour, Leslie Reid and A. M. (Andy) Rivera;

■ **Houston:** Council Members Toni Bracher Lawrence and Melissa Noriega and Mallory Bell - Office of City of Houston Council Member Adie Wiseman;

■ **Kemah:** Mayor Greg Collins and Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Rast;

■ **La Porte:** Mayor Alton Porter and Mayor Pro-Tem Barry Beasley;

■ **League City:** Mayor Jerry Shults and Council Member Tim Paulissen;

■ **Nassau Bay:** Mayor Donald Matter,

Mayor Pro-Tem Bette Johnson, and Council Members David Braun, John Haugen, Joseph Stilwell and Ron Swofford;

■ **Pasadena:** Council Members Dana K. Philibert and Jackie Welch;

■ **Seabrook:** Mayor Robin Riley, Mayor Pro-Tem Dee Wright, and Council Members Tom Diegelman, Paul Dunphep, Kim Morrell, and Gary Renola;

■ **Taylor Lake Village:** Mayor Natalie O'Neill and Council Member Laurence Tobin;

■ **Webster:** Mayor Pro-Tem Carlos J. Vilagomez;

■ **Port of Houston Authority:** Commissioner Steve Phelps;

■ **Clear Creek Independent School District:** Trustees Robert Allan Davee, Ann Hammond, Dee Scott and Paula Tomasi;

■ **Dickinson Independent School District:** Trustee J. T. Floyd;

■ **Friendswood Independent School District:** Trustees David Hearn, Rebecca Hillenburg, Ralph Hobratschk, Denise Ruiz, and Mike Shaw;

■ **La Porte Independent School District:** Trustees Edward Matuszak and Charleya Wheeler; and,

■ **Pasadena Independent School District:** Trustee Nelda Sullivan.

Other special guests in attendance included Clear Creek Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Sandra Mossman, Friendswood Independent School District Superintendent Trish Hanks, University of Houston-Clear Lake President Dr. William A. Staples, Vice President and CEO of Texas A&M University-Galveston Dr. Bowen Loftin, San Jacinto College District Chancellor Dr. Bill Lindemann, and San Jacinto College District Board of Regents Marie Flickinger.

Region's top economic development organization adds JES Tech, RSA Corporation

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership recently welcomed RSA Corporation and JES Tech as new members to the region's premier economic

development organization recently.

JES Tech has been meeting the business needs of the Bay Area Houston region since

2004. JES Tech's professional and motivated employees provide Project Management and Support Services in a wide range of disciplines includ-

ing: Life Science Research, specialized recruiting in support of scientific research, IT technical support, technical writing and

staffing service.

Founded in 1980 as Robert Shields and Associates, RSA is a leading provider of technology and busi-

ness strategy consulting, managed services, and business technology projects, searching, and staffing.