



LINA HIDALGO

April 20, 2021

AGENDA LETTER

Commissioners Court
1001 Preston Street, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Commissioners:

The following item is recommended for the April 27, 2021 Commissioners Court agenda:

Request for approval of a resolution in support of transgender children in Harris County and to oppose legislation filed during Texas' 87th Legislative Session that targets transgender children, including by aiming to deny them access to adequate health care, interfere with the decisions between them and their physician, and prevent them from participating in youth sports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lina Hidalgo", is written over a circular stamp that matches the Harris County Seal.

Lina Hidalgo
County Judge

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Resolution

WHEREAS, the undersigned members of the Harris County Commissioners Court oppose any legislation that may target or be harmful towards transgender children, including efforts that may deny access to health care or interfere with decisions between them and their doctor, and affect their ability to participate in school sports; and

WHEREAS, Harris County, the largest and one of the most diverse counties in Texas, leads through welcoming and ambitious policies that promote opportunity and freedom so that everyone can thrive. For example, in 2019, Harris County Commissioners Court approved adding sexual orientation and gender-identity protections in its nondiscrimination policy. The policy's intent was to promote a positive and safe work environment for Harris County employees that is not only the right thing to do, but also leads to a more diverse and productive workforce; and

WHEREAS, any bills that may seek to prevent physicians and medical care providers from delivering adequate care to transgender children and threatens the licenses of medical professionals who have taken an oath to serve them are harmful. The consequences of this legislation are deep and will have long-lasting physical and psychological impacts on our youth and their families across Texas: now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Harris County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims our opposition to anti-transgender and anti-child bills related to the medical care of transgender children, criminalization of gender-affirming care, and the participation by transgender children in youth sports, and urges members of the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives to promote policies that will end all forms of discrimination and work towards a goal of becoming a welcoming and inclusive state for our children.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 27th day of April 2021.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

R. JACK CAGLE, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, T E X A S