Harris County

RODNEY ELLIS Commissioner



Precinct One

AGENDA ITEM

June 8, 2021

County Judge Lina Hidalgo Members of Commissioners Court

RE: Requests approval to direct the Budget Management Department (BMD) to study and create a proposal on the feasibility of establishing an Office of Sustainability within BMD

Dear Judge Hidalgo and Commissioners Cagle, Garcia, and Ramsey:

Precinct One respectfully requests approval to direct the Budget Management Department (BMD) to study and create a proposal on the feasibility of establishing an Office of Sustainability within BMD. BMD should include the scope and charge of the office, with a focus on climate justice planning and other relevant sustainability and resiliency policies developed on a foundation of racial and economic equity principles and practices; best practice research on appropriate structure, staffing, roles, and responsibilities; budget needs; identification of initial steps for implementation; and other relevant recommendations. BMD should come back to Commissioners Court with the proposal within 30 days.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Rodney Ellis

RE: DS, SM

xc: Brandon Dudley