



THE VOICE *of* BUSINESS

A RESOLUTION BY THE PEARLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTING PEARLAND ISD VATRE

WHEREAS, AS THE VOICE OF BUSINESS, the mission of The Pearland Chamber of Commerce is to Serve Business. Promote Growth. Empower Community; and

WHEREAS, the Pearland Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of a quality education and the impact it has in our community; and

WHEREAS, education plays an important role in the recruitment of businesses and residents to our community; and

WHEREAS, Pearland ISD is charged with educating over 20,000 students in Pearland; and

WHEREAS, programs within Pearland ISD, like Turner High School, dual language and the G/T Academy, have been recognized for their efforts to develop a quality future workforce; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that school districts seek voter approval to raise their maintenance and operations tax rate above a prescribed amount, and the election is referred to as a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE); and

WHEREAS, passage of the VATRE will result in a nearly \$11.1 million increase in funding for the District, while still decreasing the total tax rate by 0.165 cents; and

WHEREAS, additional funding will ensure programs that are essential to workforce development are maintained; and

WHEREAS, passage of VATRE decreases taxes, increases funding for Pearland ISD and safeguards programs that create the next generation of workers in Pearland; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pearland Chamber of Commerce hereby supports Pearland ISD's VATRE.

PASSED and APPROVED on the 25th day of August 2023.

PEARLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart Cayer".

Stuart Cayer, Chair of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Johnson".

Jim Johnson, President & CEO