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Local Officials Voted to Represent Cities on H-GAC Board

Houston, TX – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of new delegates to the 2023 board of directors following the city caucus meetings held in November. The board plays a crucial role in leading collaborative efforts to address regional challenges and advance programs that benefit the diverse communities within the H-GAC 13-county region.

Representing the interests of general law cities, Mayor Joe Garcia of Pattison and Councilmember Nancy Arnold of Waller have been elected as voting members of the H-GAC board. Serving as their alternates are Councilmember Teresa Vazquez Evans from Kemah and Mayor Susan Schwartz of Bunker Hill. These representatives were elected from H-GAC's General Assembly, which comprises delegates from member general law cities.

In addition, the H-GAC board will be enriched by the participation of voting members from home rule cities, with Mayor Pro Tem Johnnie Simpson, Jr. of Dickinson and Councilmember Ross Gordon of Bellaire stepping into these roles. Mayor Don Davis of Manvel and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Compion of La Marque will serve as their alternates. Like their general law city counterparts, these representatives were elected from H-GAC's General Assembly comprised of delegates from other home rule cities.

The H-GAC board of directors, composed of 37 local elected officials representing 13 counties, 107 cities, and 11 school districts, will oversee collaborative efforts with local governments. The board's focus spans a wide range of programs, including transportation planning, rural 9-1-1 services, workforce development, aging and disability resources, and disaster and recovery programs.

Monthly board meetings, crucial for open dialogue and decision-making, are open to the public. For more information about the H-GAC board of directors, please visit www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors. To access the schedule of upcoming board meetings and other H-GAC events, visit www.h-gac.com/calendar.

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Cutline – Mayor Joe Garcia of Pattison and Councilmember Nancy Arnold of Waller are elected as voting members of the H-GAC board to represent the interests of general law cities, with Councilmember Teresa Vazquez Evans from Kemah and Mayor Susan Schwartz of Bunker Hill serving as alternates. (Pictured L to R: Chuck Wemple, H-GAC chief executive officer; Mayor Joe Garcia of Pattison; Councilmember Teresa Vazquez Evans of Kemah; Councilmember Nancy Arnold of Waller; Mayor Susan Schwartz of Bunker Hill; and Cynthia Jones, manager of H-GAC Intergovernmental Relations.

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Elected to represent home rule cities, Mayor Pro Tem Johnnie Simpson, Jr. of Dickinson (center left) and Councilmember Ross Gordon of Bellaire (center right) are elected to serve as voting members of the H-GAC board of directors with Mayor Don Davis of Manvel (left) and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Compion of La Marque (right) as their alternates.

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H-GAC is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people. H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit h-gac.com.