# H-GAC Composition Committee

# January 19, 2024



## **Our Work**

#### Consider possible bylaws change

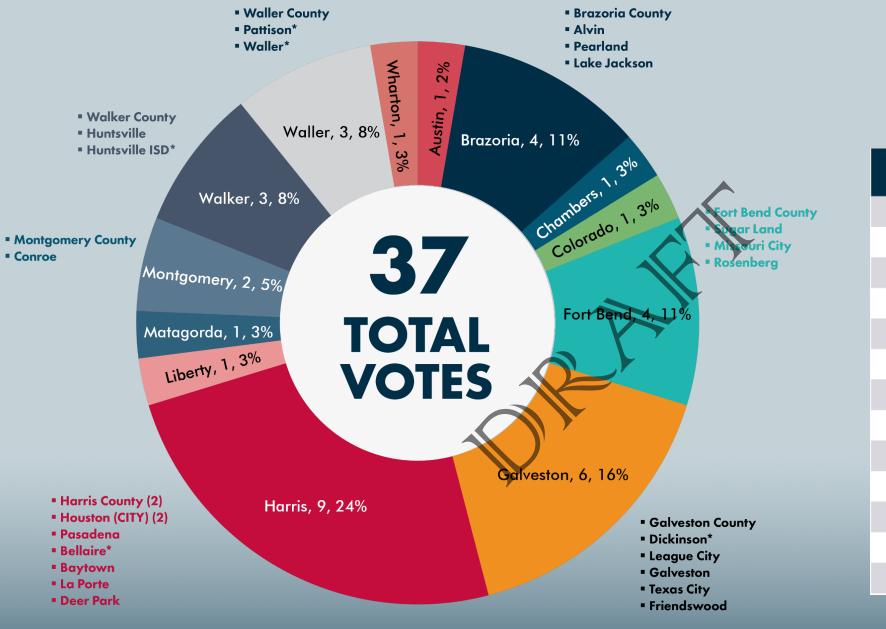
- Preserve regional voices
- Acknowledge population growth
- Provide a path for Houston to remain a member
- Adjust voting structure
- Move region forward in unity
- Build off previous work and new analyses
- Complete task under a tight timeframe



### Timeline

- Overview and Charge Today December 19
- Narrow Options Evening Workshop January 10
- Committee Recommendation to Board January 19
  - If bylaws amendment needed, process will conclude February 20





### Current Board Composition by County

COUNTY	POPULATION SHARE
Austin	0.4%
Brazoria	5.1%
Chambers	0.6%
Colorado	0.3%
Fort Bend	11.3%
Galveston	4.8%
Harris	64.8%
Liberty	1.3%
Matagorda	0.5%
Montgomery	8.5%
Walker	1.0%
Waller	0.8%
Wharton	0.6%



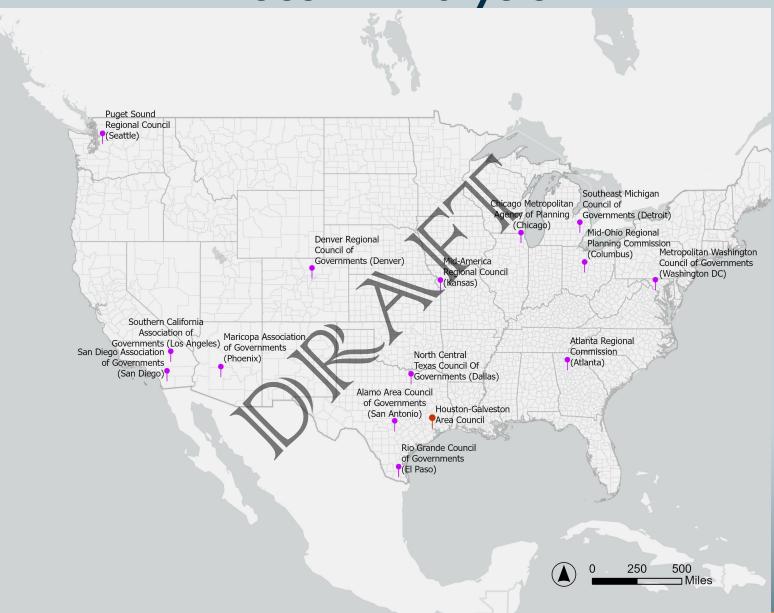
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### **Building Off Our Previous Work**

- Looked at history of Board composition
- Reviewed bylaws process for possible changes
- Discussed population growth
- Considered other COGs
- Executive Director peer discussions
- Looked at weighted voting and/or increasing seats
- Developed and discussed 2 alternate scenarios
- Board voted to maintain current approach



### **Recent Analysis**





### **Two Stage Voting**

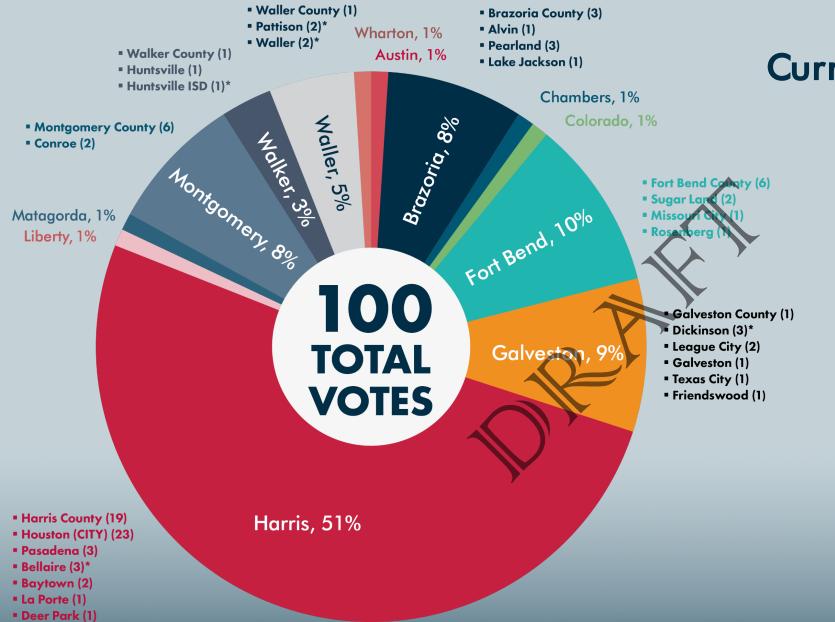
- Invoked available to all
- Preserves regional voices
- Considers population
- Provides avenue for collaboration and compromise
- Adjusted each 10-year Census
- Simple process
  - 1<sup>st</sup> vote is standard composition
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> vote is weighted by population
  - Actions must pass or fail both stages to advance
  - If not, reconsideration and discussion take place



#### Two Stage Voting Current Board Composition & Population Share (100 votes)

JURISDICTION	STAGE 1	STAGE 2			
Austin County	1	1	Sugar Land (CITY)	1	2
Brazoria County	1	3	Conroe (CITY)	1	2
Chambers County	1	1	Baytown (CITY)	1	2
Colorado County	1	1	Missouri City (CITY)	1	1
Fort Bend County	1	6	Galveston (CITY)	1	1
Galveston County	1	1	Texas City (CITY)	1	1
Harris County	2	19	Suntsville (CITY)	1	1
Liberty County	1	1	Friendswood (CITY)	1	1
Matagorda County	1		Rosenberg (CITY)	1	1
Montgomery County	1	6	La Porte (CITY)	1	1
Walker County	1		Deer Park (CITY)	1	1
Waller County	1		Lake Jackson (CITY)	1	1
Wharton County	1		Alvin (CITY)	1	1
Houston (CITY)	2	22	Home Rule Cities	2	6
Pasadena (CITY)	1	3	General Law Cities	2	4
Pearland (CITY)	1	3	Independent School Districts	1	1
League City (CITY)	1	2	TOTAL	37	100





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NOTE: Seat/votes for General Law Cities are counted under Waller County; Seats/votes for Home Rule Cities are counted under Harris and Galveston County; Independent School District seat/vote is counted under Walker County.



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