



CONSTABLE MARK HERMAN

Harris County Precinct 4

Message from Constable Mark Herman



Dear Friends:

My office was made aware for the first time this morning that County **Commissioner Adrian Garcia** intends to propose an item on the March 10 Commissioners Court agenda that could significantly impact law enforcement in your communities.

Because this study proposal, which I have attached and is copied below, has not been discussed publicly prior to its inclusion on next week's agenda, I want to ensure that you and your neighbors have an opportunity to see it and discuss it before any action is taken on Commissioners Court.

I encourage you to make your voice heard on this issue. You can do that by writing or calling County Judge Lina Hidalgo, who also represents you on Commissioners Court.

Judge Hidalgo's office number is 713-274-7000, and her email address is Judge.hidalgo@cjo.hctx.net

***Commissioner Adrian Garcia, the Commissioner spearheading this campaign, at 713-274-2222, and you can email him at Adrian.Garcia@pct2.hctx.net**

(Go to Commissioner Garcia's website at Hcp2.com then at the bottom of his page click on contact the Commissioner tab. Then fill in the information to send him a message)

Commissioner R. Jack Cagle at 832-927-4444, and you may email him at commissionercagle@hcp4.net

Commissioner Steve Radack at 713-755-6306, and you may email him at Pct3@pct3.hctx.net

Commissioner Rodney Ellis at 713-274-1000, and you may email him at Comm.Ellis@cp1.hctx.net

You may also wish to attend the March 10 meeting of Commissioners Court, which begins at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom on the ninth floor of the Harris County Administration Building at 1001 Preston in downtown Houston. If you wish to speak to the court on this issue or to **watch** the proceedings live online, please go to:

<https://www.hcp4.net/appearances/>.

If you plan to speak you **MUST sign up online** at <https://appearancerequest.harriscountytexas.gov/>

Sincerely,

Constable Mark Herman



**ADRIAN
GARCIA**
PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER

March 3, 2020

AGENDA ITEM

Commissioners Court
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Court Members:

Please consider the following item for the March 10, 2020 Commissioners Court agenda.

Precinct Two requests discussion and possible action on a study of contracts held by Constables under the Harris County Contract Patrol Program to evaluate how the program operates in each Constable precinct, the efficacy of the program, its full impact on the County budget, its impact on operations of County departments and inequities that may be caused by the program.

To ensure our law enforcement resources are deployed in a manner that provides reliable and equitable public safety, we need to understand how exactly the patrol operations of the Sheriff are impacted by contracts that can be lost in an economic downturn or the loss of a contract due to termination or a reduction in county revenues due to the implementation of the revenue cap. The study should review:

- The total cost of the contracts for the public and any potential savings that may be realized by eliminating the ability of Constables to enter into the contracts;
- Whether services are performed in accordance to the contract and how Constables track the hours of contract deputies;
- The demographics, including income and education levels, of areas under contract;
- Comparisons of crime rates and response times between areas under contract and areas not under contract, especially areas that are low to middle-income; and
- What occurs when a contract is terminated to the contract deputies, the PCNs associated with those employees, and the budget of the Constables and the Sheriff.

The study and final recommendation shall be completed and submitted to Commissioners Court on May 19, 2020.

The effort will be led by a Committee including representatives from each member of Commissioners Court. The study will be housed within the Justice Administration Department. Supporting the study will be designated professionals from the County Attorney's Office, Universal Services, Human Resources and Risk Management and Budget Management. A representative from the Sheriff's Office and one representative selected by the eight Constables will advise the Committee. Committee decisions need a present majority vote.

Your consideration and approval of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Adrian Garcia
Commissioner



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Precinct Two requests discussion and possible action for a study on the cost and service impacts of the centralization of emergency and non-emergency calls and dispatch for the Sheriff and Constables.

The study is to include analyses of potential technological solutions, potential efficiencies in staffing, impact on law enforcement operations and potential cost savings. The study would also make recommendations on implementation, including a timeline. The study and final recommendation shall be completed and submitted to Commissioners Court on May 19, 2020.

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