

## St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District



## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS St. Tammany Parish has experience major devastation from severe hurricanes such as Katrina and Isaac and significant flooding from tropical storms as well as unnamed storms;

WHEREAS the majority of St. Tammany Parish has no protection against damage from storm surge;

WHEREAS the St Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District (STLDCD) was created by an act of the Louisiana Legislature in 2014 to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain systems to mitigate flood risk;

WHEREAS STLDCD has engaged an engineering contractor and developed plans for providing flood protection in coordination with St. Tammany Parish, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, and US Army Corps of Engineers;

WHEREAS \$141.63 million of state and federal funds are available for design and construction funds of these flood protection systems contingent upon the STLDCD demonstrating a continuing revenue stream to cover the costs of operation and maintenance of these flood protection systems; dependance.

WHEREAS a proposition to amend the Louisiana Constitution, which reads in part, "Do you support an amendment to allow levee districts created after January 1, 2006, and before October 9, 2021, whose electors approve the amendment to levy an annual tax not to exceed five mills for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, and hurricane flood protection?" will be on the October 9, 2021, ballot;

THEREFORE, STLDCD fully supports the dissemination of factual information to the public regarding the intent, purpose, and effect of the proposed Constitutional Amendment so that citizens can make an informed decision.

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