

# ECONOMY and JOBS

GOAL	PROJECTS/PROGRAMS/POLICIES	COORDINATION
Diverse Economic Development	<p><b>Advocate for a diversity of new retail and commercial development</b>            ACTION STEPS: Advocate for new commercial development, including a high-quality grocery store, restaurants, and banking services; Identify incentives to attract new development such as 380 agreements, 381 GLO Texas Back in Business resources, Opportunity Zones, and economic development funds such as state enterprise projects and new market tax credits</p>	<p><b>Community:</b> Fort Bend Houston NST   <b>Role:</b> Advocate, Support  <b>City:</b> Mayor’s Office of Economic Development   <b>Role:</b> Support, Implement  <b>Community Connectors:</b> TIRZ #25, Office of Business Opportunity, Fort Bend Super Neighborhood   <b>Role:</b> Advocate, Support</p>
	<p><b>Establish a Fort Bend Houston Development Task Force</b>            ACTION STEPS: Establish a Fort Bend Houston development task force comprised of elected officials, government agencies, stakeholders, and developers, to create guidelines and a plan for new development, including commercial, industrial, and large-scale warehousing</p>	<p><b>Community:</b> Fort Bend Houston NST   <b>Role:</b> Organize, Implement  <b>City:</b> Mayor’s Office of Complete Communities   <b>Role:</b> Support  <b>Community Connectors:</b> TIRZ #25, Area HOAs, Area Property Owners, Area Business Owners, Elected Officials   <b>Role:</b> Implement</p>
	<p><b>Create a Fort Bend Houston Development Plan</b>            ACTION STEPS: Develop a plan that identifies priorities and incentives for new development and investment, including commercial and industrial spaces, such as a technology or business center, start-up spaces, business incubators, and re-purposing of vacant retail centers</p>	<p><b>Community:</b> Fort Bend Houston NST   <b>Role:</b> Organize, Advocate  <b>City:</b> Planning and Development Department, Mayor’s Office of Economic Development   <b>Role:</b> Support  <b>Community Connectors:</b> Area Developers and Property Owners, TIRZ #25   <b>Role:</b> Support, Implement</p>
	<p><b>Advocate for the Edison Arts Complex</b>            ACTION STEPS: Advocate for the completion of the Edison Arts project which will include an arts center and redevelopment of the Willowridge Shopping Center located at W. Fuqua St. and Blueridge Rd, into new retail spaces</p>	<p><b>Community:</b> Fort Bend Houston NST   <b>Role:</b> Advocate  <b>City:</b> Mayor’s Office of Economic Development, Housing and Community Development Department   <b>Role:</b> Support  <b>Community Connectors:</b> George E. Johnson Development, TIRZ #25   <b>Role:</b> Support, Implement</p>
Strong Local Economy	<p><b>Support and expand locally owned small businesses</b>            ACTION STEPS: The Office of Business Opportunity to develop outreach materials and host community-based workshops promoting the programs and services available through the Solutions Center, including business development resources, legal counseling, minority and women-owned business certification workshops, and information on Hire Houston First policies</p>	<p><b>Community:</b> Fort Bend Houston NST   <b>Role:</b> Organize, Outreach  <b>City:</b> Office of Business Opportunity   <b>Role:</b> Support, Organize, Outreach, Implement  <b>Community Connectors:</b> TIRZ #25, Area small business owners and entrepreneurs   <b>Role:</b> Support</p>
Comprehensive Workforce Development	<p><b>Develop a Career and Life Skills Training Center</b>            ACTION STEPS: Advocate for the development of a career and life skills training center in the community, to provide financial literacy courses, life skills, vocational training, and career development; Explore the potential of locating the center at Willowridge High School in partnership with HCC</p>	<p><b>Community:</b> Fort Bend Houston NST   <b>Role:</b> Advocate  <b>City:</b> Mayor’s Office of Economic Development, Mayor’s Office of Complete Communities, Houston Public Library, Mayor’s Office of Education   <b>Role:</b> Support  <b>Community Connectors:</b> FBISD, HCC, Area Employers, SER Jobs, Gulf Coast Workforce Board, Houston Financial Empowerment Center   <b>Role:</b> Support, Implement</p>