

## Supporting the Region's Healthcare System

Access to quality healthcare services is critical to our growing and vibrant region. Hospitals and healthcare providers not only contribute significantly to the state and regional economic viability through local spending, job creation, and research but also enhance the quality of life for the communities they serve. Today, hospitals and healthcare providers face numerous financial challenges centered on unbudgeted costs pertaining to workforce shortages, and increased supply costs due to inflation. In order to preserve and support the region's healthcare system, we recommend and support the following actions:

### *Recommendation:*

- Support expansion of Texas's mental healthcare funding for prevention and intervention.
- Support medical research at Texas's universities and academic health centers.
- Support the assurance of back-up emergency systems for all healthcare facilities: electricity, water, and telecommunications.

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