RESOLUTION NO. 2412

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAYTOWN, TEXAS, REGISTERING ITS OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CENTRAL REGION ALTERNATIVE NO. 2 OF THE GULF COAST COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND RECOVERY DISTRICT STORM SUPPRESSION STUDY; REGISTERING ITS SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED CENTRAL REGION ALTERNATIVE NO. 1; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Harris and Galveston Counties have numerous coastal communities with many miles of sea level frontage along Galveston Bay and a significant population of residents, schools, churches and businesses that can be affected by storm surge and sub-tropical coastal rain events; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District (the "District") has proposed several alternative plans for the design of a coastal barrier protection system; and

WHEREAS, one of the alternative plans -- the proposed Central Region Alternative No. 2 ("CR #2") -- offers protection to some areas but leaves many coastal communities exposed to the dangers of storm surge and fails to protect several petrochemical and Port of Houston installations; and

WHEREAS, any unprotected storm surge inundation will not only affect the physical state of improvements of coastal residents, businesses and industries contending with such an event, but will also have severe impacts on the environment and continued employment at facilities damaged, as well as exacerbating flood insurance costs with increasing depth of flooding for those unprotected by CR #2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Baytown desires to register its opposition to CR #2 and register its support of Central Region Alternative No. 1 ("CR #1") as described below; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAYTOWN, TEXAS:

- Section 1: That the recitals stated hereinabove are true and correct and are hereby adopted as the findings of the City Council of the City of Baytown, Texas.
 - Section 2: That the City Council hereby registers its opposition to CR #2.
- Section 3. That the City Council hereby registers its support for CR #1, as it is the only proposed alternative that would effectively and equitably protect both the upper areas of the Houston Ship Channel as well as mitigating damage and protecting coastal communities along the entire Galveston Bay region.
- Section 4: That the City Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to register the City's opposition to CR #2 and support of CR #1.
- Section 5: This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage by the City Council of the City of Baytown.

INTRODUCED, READ and PASSED by the affirmative vote of the City Council of the City of Baytown this 14th day of April, 2016. STEPHEN H. DONCARLOS, Mayor MERCEDES RENTERIA, III **TERRY SAIN** Council Member, District No. 1 Council Member, District No. 4 CHRIS PRESLEY Council Member, District No. 2 DAVID MCCARTNEY Council Member District No. 3 Council Member District No. 6 LETICIA BRYSCH, City Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GNACIO RAMIREZ, SR., C