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NEWS RELEASE

DR. GEORGE SANTOS OF WEST OAKS HOSPITAL NAMED TO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD

County Judge Ed Emmett Taps Administrator As Appointee

Harris County Commissioners Court has approved the nomination of Dr. George Santos to be the newest member of the Harris County Hospital District's Board of Managers. County Judge Ed Emmett nominated Santos last week to fill the vacancy created by the death of longtime board member J. Evans Attwell.

Santos, the executive medical director of West Oaks Hospital in Houston, was confirmed with the unanimous agreement of Commissioners Court on Feb. 19

"I'm really happy to be able to call on the expertise of someone with such impeccable credentials as Dr. Santos," Emmett said in announcing the appointment. "It's important to the district to not only to have a physician on the board, but to have one with the commitment and the experience that Dr. Santos brings."

Santos accepted the appointment last week, telling Emmett: "Health care advocacy and administration are very important to me and have been part of the driving commitment of my medical career."

Santos also described the taxpayer-supported Harris County Hospital District, which operates Ben Taub, LBJ and Quentin Mease hospitals and dozens of clinics, as "one of the finest public health systems in the country."