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**Precinct 3 Commissioner Marialyn Barnard Gets  
First Ever \$5,000 Homestead Exemption Passed**

**Bexar County** – Today, Commissioner Barnard proposed Bexar County’s first homestead exemption. After eliciting support from several of her colleagues, the bill passed unanimously.

The first homestead exemption in Bexar County history will bring relief to homeowners by providing a deduction of \$5,000 from the appraised value for primary residences to help lower tax bills.

Commissioner Marialyn Barnard stated, “In a year when we as a county are expected to receive record increases in tax appraisals, it makes sense to help the homeowner. I want to remind everyone to apply for your homestead exemption, if you have not already.”

She continued, “It has never been more important to have a homestead or other exemptions than it is today.”

The affordable housing effort comes at a time of massive increases in home values in regions across the state, according to the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts. The association reports increase in values between 10-50% since last year. According to a report provided by the Texas A&M Real Estate Research Center, San Antonio-New Braunfels Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is up 18.37% year over year.

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