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To:

From: Council Member Dave Martin

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Date: August 20, 2019

Subject: Category A Designation Request

I would like to begin by thanking you for your assistance in making the dredging of the West Fork of the San Jacinto River, and part of the existing mouth-bar located at the confluence of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston, a priority. The work that was conducted in the river and is currently being completed at the mouth-bar is having a real impact on improving the flow of the river. The purpose of this memo is to request that Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) designate remaining debris located at the confluence of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston (mouth-bar) as Category A for reimbursement.

This designation will allow the City of Houston to utilize existing resources and pre-positioned contracts to address the removal of the remaining Hurricane Harvey debris within the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston. Designating this debris as Category A will also provide a significant cost savings of nearly \$20 million associated with mobilization.

It is clear through the collection of field data by the City of Houston provided to FEMA, the remaining debris is directly associated with Hurricane Harvey and its removal is paramount to secure life, property, and safety. As of August 20, 2019, the City of Houston has proactively secured a third United States Army Corps of Engineers permitted disposal site needed for the additional debris.

This designation is our final attempt to rehabilitate the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston to a prior good condition, which will allow for increased flood protection and safety to residents. Please consider granting this Category A designation, allowing the City of Houston to continue building Houston forward, post-disaster.

Sincerely,

Dave Martin

Council Member Dave Martin

Mayor's statement on White House taking away FEMA disaster relief funds

HOUSTON - Mayor Sylvester Turner's statement on the White House shifting FEMA disaster relief funds to the expansion of migrant detention facilities and asylum hearing sites on the U.S.-Mexico border:

"This is ill-advised, especially when cities are still recovering from disasters and we find ourselves in the midst of hurricane season. We simply don't know what that future holds, but we do know that we need more money for disaster recovery, not less. Pulling money from FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund will set back Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts and break promises made, and policies implemented, to help Houstonians."

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