

Kingwood Area Super Neighborhood Council #43

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March 29, 2023

The Honorable Dade Phelan
P. O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768

RE: Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project

Dear Speaker Phelan:

The Kingwood Area Super Neighborhood Council (SNC 43) speaks for numerous stakeholders in the Kingwood Area. We want to register our support for funding for the City of Houston's Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project. The City of Houston has secured \$48 million dollars from the federal government in addition to \$30 million dollars in local funds. Funding from the state for \$150 million dollars is currently part of Senate Bill 1 Article 11. This funding is needed for the completion of this community project that would bring much-needed flood relief to residents, businesses, and institutions in the San Jacinto River watershed. The Kingwood SNC supports the passage of this senate bill.

Hurricane Harvey flooded more than 16,000 homes, businesses, and education facilities in the Lake Houston area. Kingwood bore the brunt of this flooding. In the five and a half years since Hurricane Harvey devastated our community, Kingwood residents have worked with and supported the efforts of the City of Houston and Harris County Flood Control District to implement maintenance and capital projects that will prevent future flooding. Much has been done but additional projects are still needed. The Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project is one of those much-needed projects.

The Lake Houston Spillway Dam was constructed prior to 1960. It was originally designed to hold water and provide reliable drinking water to customers in the Houston area. Though not designed to serve as a flood control device, since Harvey its purpose has been shifted to assist in times of severe inclement weather. This is only a temporary measure to protect the community until the Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement project can be implemented. This improvement project is designed to be a permanent solution in the City of Houston's effort to prevent flooding in the Lake Houston Area.

We appreciate your consideration and assistance in obtaining the state funding for this project.

Sincerely,



Dee M. Price
President