

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor, State of Texas
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Dear Governor Abbott,

It's been more than six months since Hurricane Harvey deposited an unprecedented amount of water throughout the Gulf Coast Region, devastating many communities including the Lake Houston Area.

In December, we launched our Plea For Three campaign requesting assistance for our communities with Representation, Reduction and Remediation. This initial ask was to help protect our area as we considered a long-term plan to recover the Lake Houston Area.

Thank you, Governor Abbott, for answering our Plea for Representation by appointing two people from the Lake Houston Area to the San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors on an interim basis. They have both been very passionate and dedicated to their new role of representing our communities.

On February 26, exactly six months after Hurricane Harvey moved over the Houston area, the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston washed over their banks and began flooding the area once again – this time after less than two inches of rain fell in our communities. This is what we had feared and had been the impetus behind the Plea For Three campaign – that due to the newly deposited sand, siltation and debris in the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston, it would not take a major rain event for our area to flood again.

Governor Abbott, we now have a new plea.

Our **PLEA TO SEE LAKE HOUSTON** is requesting that you, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and Land Commissioner George P. Bush come tour our devastated area. We feel to best understand the desperation of the residents and businesses that have been unable to recover, you must tour and see for yourself the massive sand deposits in our waterways and the devastated state of our area which we still live and work in more than six months after Hurricane Harvey.

Before hurricane season begins, please answer our **PLEA TO SEE LAKE HOUSTON**. To truly grasp our area's needs, you must tour our river and lake, talk to our residents and businesses and work with our area officials.

Sincerely,

Name:

Address:

City, State Zip:

cc: Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, Land Commissioner George P. Bush