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At-Large, Position 5

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Commissioner George P. Bush
Texas General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization
P.O. Box 12873
Austin, TX 78711-2873

RE: Mitigation State Action Plan Amendment 1

Commissioner Bush,

I am writing in support of the projects the City of Houston requested funding for through the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. The City of Houston submitted applications for projects to improve drainage in Fifth Ward, Kashmere Gardens, Sunnyside, Alief Parks, Braeburn Glen, Huntington Village, the Port Area, and Sharpstown. These projects will build new storm lines and trunk systems and bring much needed relief to residents who have suffered through flood after flood.

In Hurricane Harvey, over 150,000 buildings flooded in the City of Houston. Since then, the city has worked hard to ensure we are better prepared for the next storm. The city has invested \$501 in drainage-focused capital improvement projects, with over 82% of the fifty-one projects fully completed. An additional \$55.7 million has been spent on 288 local drainage and neighborhood projects. The city has also amended its code of ordinances to require all new construction be built two feet above the 500-year floodplain. However, there's still much more work to be done to protect residents.

I was happy to hear that the \$750 million allocation made to Harris County will allow them to further their bond projects, a critical piece of the region's stormwater infrastructure. While the channel improvements being constructed at the county will be beneficial for neighborhoods with strong, existing infrastructure, they won't alleviate flooding in areas where urban drainage is insufficient.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and am available for any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallie Alcorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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