



December 8, 2020

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USACE, Galveston District  
Attention: Mr. Jeff Pinsky  
Environmental Compliance Branch Regional  
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Dear Mr. Pinsky,

On behalf of the City of Houston, as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member for District E, I would like to express my support and input for the Second United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Coastal Texas Study 2020 Draft Feasibility Report.

The USACE and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) have worked together to develop the Texas Coastal Study. The study area consists of the entire Texas Gulf Coast. The area that I want to address is referred to as the "Upper Texas Coast" and specifically the Galveston Bay complex.

The USACE and the GLO have developed a comprehensive plan that utilizes about 80 percent of the Ike Dike concept that Dr. Bill Merrell of Texas A&M University at Galveston generated after Hurricane Ike struck the Galveston Bay region in 2008. The USACE and the GLO reviewed all other options that have been presented in the past 12 years.

The USACE is currently in its second and last public comment period before issuing a final Chief's Report in May 2021. I fully support the current plan but would suggest that there are at least three aspects of the Coastal Texas Study Draft that warrant additional review and consideration. These aspects are as follows:

- A storm surge gate at San Louis Pass will decrease the volume of water in Galveston Bay by an estimated 10 percent directly affecting structures on the west end of Galveston Island and flooding in the City of Galveston.
- Armored and/or fortified sand dunes should be considered to a minimum height of 17 feet which would reduce storm surge and the need to rebuild dunes.
- The proposed gate system located at Clear Lake and Dickinson needs to be fortified.

In conclusion, I strongly support the Coastal Texas Study Draft Feasibility Report and request that the USACE incorporate as part of the final Chief's Report the inclusion of a storm surge gate at San Louis Pass, fortified sand dunes to a minimum of 17 feet elevation, and extension of the Clear Lake / Dickinson gate system to protect the City of Shoreacres.

Sincerely,

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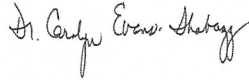
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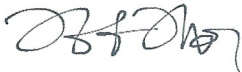
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