

April 20, 2023



The Honorable Robert Nichols Texas Senate

PO Box 12068 – Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711

Re: LCA Support for the City of Houston Lake Houston Spillway

Dear Senator Nichols:

I am writing to confirm that the Lake Conroe Association (LCA) Board, on behalf of the LCA members and Lake Conroe area residents, fully support to the City of Houston's effort to fund and build the improvements to the Lake Houston spillway. Our support is based upon the clear evidence from the Regional Flood studies that many mitigation projects along the San Jacinto river downstream of Lake Conroe are needed and most importantly the Lake Houston spillway project is key to avoid another catastrophic flood as was suffered during Hurricane Harvey.

As you know, since Fall 2018 a temporary procedure called the Seasonal Lake Lowering Program (SLLP) was implemented at the request of the City of Houston (CoH) of the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA). Initially this was to allow for dredging of the West Fork river to proceed unimpeded by any Lake Conroe Dam releases. After dredging was completed in Fall of 2019, and after a series of large and highly contentious town halls the SLLP was renewed for a period tied to the Lake Houston Spillway Project which in 2020 was estimated by the CoH to be operational in 2024. As with all projects of this size, cost, and complexity the project has experienced delays and the SLLP has continued well beyond the initial plan timeline.

Once the delays became obvious in 2021 the CoH, SJRA, and LCA agreed to a series of stakeholder meetings that resulted in a successful compromise on the issue of seasonal lake lowering. During these meetings, the stakeholders discussed several topics including modifications to the SLLP and regional flood mitigation efforts on which they found mutual benefit and agreement. The original position on SLLP by the LCA remains unchanged in that technical studies have identified minimal flood mitigation benefits from the SLLP. However, the LCA acknowledged the importance that SLLP has in the minds of Lake Houston residents and the need to find a compromise while the Lake Houston spillway project was being reviewed.

We know that you have been a staunch supporter of your previous district when it comes to support of the Lake Conroe area interests. We do feel the Lake Houston spillway project is one of those beneficial interests. Your support in obtaining funding for the Lake Houston Spillway is sincerely appreciated by all stakeholders who are impacted by the current SLLP and delays in moving the spillway forward.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Lacy - LCA President

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We want to extend the invitation for you to attend one of our LCA Board meetings or a Town Hall at a time and date that fits your schedule. Your support in obtaining funding for the Lake Houston Spillway is sincerely appreciated by all stakeholders who are impacted by the current SLLP and delays in moving the spillway forward.

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