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Dear Mayor Turner, Mr. Icken, Mr. Bean, and Ms. Givens:

We are writing on behalf of the Spring Branch ISD ("SBISD" or "District") regarding communications over the past several years about the possibility of using SBISD property as a location for an underground storm water detention facility. Specifically, there have been some communications indicating that the City of Houston ("City") and the Memorial City Redevelopment Authority ("Authority") are considering the District's property that is part of our Memorial Middle School campus as a possible site for such a facility. To date, the District has not been provided any specific plan or proposal regarding the use of SBISD property. But because of consistent inquiries from our community, we believe it is important to communicate certain issues that will need to be addressed should the City and Authority determine to proceed further in that direction.

First, we want to express that we completely agree that addressing the issue of flood control in our community is of utmost concern. Flooding impacts our families, businesses, taxpayers and the District's operations and facilities. The District encourages improvement efforts and has been and remains open to all ideas regarding how the District can be supportive of your efforts to improve the situation.

At this point, communications with the District by the City and Authority have been general and conceptual in nature. The District has not been presented with a proposal that details the nature of any proposed project, gives any sort of timeline for a project, or addresses how to deal with the financial impact to the District and its operations by locating a detention facility on its property.

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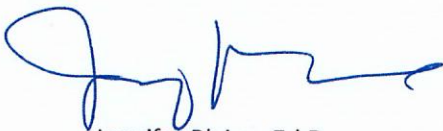
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2. Is funding being sought for any plans or proposals that include SBISD property? If so, would such funding address the potential financial impact on the District, such as lost market value and increased future construction costs?
3. Should the District expect any proposal for use of its property for drainage improvements from the City and/or Authority in the future? If so, what is the currently anticipated timeframe for such a proposal?
4. If use of District property is currently no longer under consideration as part of any plan, please provide confirmation of that so this information can be accurately communicated to our Board and community.

We understand that plans and ideas may change over time. However, we believe it is critical that the District be able to accurately communicate to its community the most up-to-date information that the City and Authority can provide. We also believe it is important that the City and Authority be aware of issues that will need to be addressed before making any decision about how to proceed.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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