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RE: #LivesOverLevels Campaign Update: Change in Venue Request & Shirt Update

Lives Over Levels Community,

I wanted to provide an update on the outcome of the venue change request for the February 20 Special Board Meeting of the SJRA.

Last Thursday, I attended the regular board meeting of the San Jacinto River Authority at their office in Conroe. Feeling confident we had secured a location in the Montgomery County portion of Kingwood, I made a plea to the SJRA Board to move the February 20 meeting to that venue.

The SJRA Board voted in favor of moving the February 20 meeting to the proposed location. (SJRA Board Members Mark Micheletti and Kaaren Cambio really went to bat for this so thank them next time you see them).

Before making any announcement, I met the SJRA staff at a walk-through of the facility where details of the event were discussed. Discussions centered around the logistics of the meeting, the need for security, and the likelihood high emotions would be displayed that night. A link to the video of the previous meeting was also shared so they understood the nature of the meeting.

Later that night, we were informed the location's legal counsel advised not hosting the February 20 SJRA Special Board Meeting due to the potential volatile nature of the meeting.

It was later decided that the February 20 Special Meeting of the SJRA Board will once again be held at the Lone Star Convention Center located at 9055 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303.

Please know that several community officials and leaders were engaged in the process to secure a location for this meeting. Although we worked relentlessly to find and secure alternate sites, the reality is there were no available venues that could meet the requirements needed to host the February 20 meeting.

I would also like to underscore that the SJRA Board voted in favor of moving the meeting location. They heard, understood and agreed with our community's request. Since we began working with the SJRA

Staff and Board in the Spring of 2018, they have been responsive partners to the recovery and resiliency efforts of our Lake Houston Area community. I think this is important to remember and acknowledge as we are making our requests to the SJRA Board to approve temporary, seasonal lowering in 2020.

**Shirts: More Lives Over Levels Shirts Being Ordered**

In good news... more #LivesOverLevels shirts are being ordered for the February 20 meeting. We have secured funding through anonymous donors. We will provide updates on availability and distribution as plans are finalized.

We appreciate your continued support of this initiative.

Onward,

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