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January 16, 2020

San Jacinto River Authority
Attn: Board of Directors
1577 Dam Site Road
Conroe, Texas 77304

Board of Directors,

We appreciate the San Jacinto River Authority's decision to host special meetings on January 21 and February 20 specifically to hear public comment on the temporary flood mitigation strategy of lowering Lake Conroe on a seasonal basis for 2020. As you have received overwhelming feedback from residents in both the Lake Conroe Area and the Lake Houston Area, we are respectfully requesting that the February 20 special meeting be held at a location closer to Lake Houston.

As the first special meeting will be held at The Lone Star Convention Center in Conroe, we feel it is important to provide equal convenience and access to meetings for concerned residents living in the Lake Houston Area. The trip to the Lone Star Convention Center is well over an hour through rush-hour traffic for the people living and working in Lake Houston. We have received feedback from many concerned residents including many senior citizens that the trip to Conroe through rush hour traffic and back to Lake Houston late at night prohibits their ability to attend the meeting. These citizens, most of whom have spent the past two years recovering from floods, want an opportunity to participate in the special meetings.

With respect to the SJRA boundaries excluding Harris County, we've found a location in Montgomery County that is willing to host the February 20 special meeting. New Caney ISD Superintendent Kenn Franklin has offered the Porter High School Auditorium as a host location for the meeting on February 20. The auditorium is located at 22625 Sandy Lane, New Caney, 77365. It has a capacity to hold 650 people.

In addition, at your request, the Lake Houston Area Chamber will help work out any logistical issues to ensure a successful meeting.

As we understand SJRA's intent of the special meetings is to hear public comment on this important issue, we feel strongly that one of the meetings should be hosted at a location convenient to the Lake Houston Area.

Sincerely,

Jenna Armstrong, IOM
President & CEO, Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Brandon Creighton, Representative Dan Huberty, Mayor Pro Tem David Martin, Mayor Merle Aaron