Honorable Sylvia Garcia
United States House of Representatives
1620 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Please Classify Mouth Bar Remnants as Category A

Dear Congresswoman Garcia:

Thank you for helping to make dredging of the San Jacinto West Fork a priority. It will help

reduce flooding, protect property, save lives, and improve public safety. However, part of the existing mouth-bar located at the confluence of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston remains.

I’m writing to enlist your support in urging the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to designate that remaining debris as Category A for reimbursement.

Category A designation will allow the City of Houston to:

• Utilize existing resources and pre-positioned contracts

• Save nearly $20 million associated with mobilization

• Protect life, property and safety

Field data collected by the City of Houston and provided to FEMA demonstrates that the remaining

debris was directly associated with Hurricane Harvey. As of August 20, 2019, the City of Houston

has proactively secured a third United States Army Corps of Engineers permitted disposal site

needed for the additional debris.

Your assistance is crucial to rehabilitate the San Jacinto River to its prior good condition. Please

urge FEMA to grant this Category A designation. It will let the City of Houston continue rebuilding

from Harvey.

Sincerely,