



**DAVE MARTIN**  
Council Member  
District E

December 11, 2019

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

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing this letter in support of the seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe as a flood mitigation strategy during the spring and fall rainy seasons. The residents of District E and the City of Houston could not be more thankful for this partnership as it has provided much needed protection from floods, including two 100-year flood events that occurred in the last year.

The City of Houston and District E office strongly encourage the SJRA Board to continue to support this initiative until our permanent flood gates and dam infrastructure can be completed. It has been beneficial to both SJRA and the City of Houston for the community to see these two entities working together to reduce risk of flooding for our vulnerable community. It is through policy implementation such as this, even if it is temporary, which shows government entities working together to solve a common problem.

Benefits that we have seen in addition to reducing risk of flooding are stronger relationships between the City of Houston and SJRA, improved perception through open communication of SJRA with downstream communities, and meaningful collaboration on regional projects.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave".

Dave Martin  
Council Member  
District E