



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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The Honorable Governor Greg Abbott  
Governor of the State of Texas  
Office of the Governor  
State Insurance Building  
1100 San Jacinto  
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Texas Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332-TX) – CDBG-DR Request

Dear Governor Abbott:

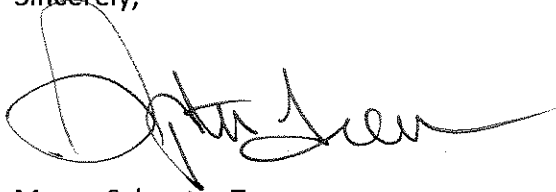
As the estimates to the City of Houston (COH) for Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332-TX), come in, we are requesting your assistance in seeking a supplemental appropriation for Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) in the amount of \$22.0 billion. My administration has the expertise and capacity to manage these funds directly to expedite deployment in our community via direct allocation. We submit this preliminary plan for this funding in the disaster impacted areas for the following areas:

- **Housing:** \$12.5 billion of which 70% will be to conduct housing-related activities to ensure that low- and moderate-income residents can obtain or maintain safe and affordable housing options. As housing needs continue to emerge and data becomes available, the City will refine the request to determine the extent of need for specific types of housing assistance including the need for:
  - Relocation of City residents displaced by the disaster
  - Rehabilitation and reconstruction of single family and multi-family properties in affected areas
  - Homeownership activities
  - Clearance and demolition, tied to recreating units
- **Infrastructure:** \$5.0 billion for street level and neighborhood focused projects:
  - Acquisition of lands for sub-regional detention basins
  - Upgrade the drainage infrastructure within flood impacted areas
  - Improve waste water and water infrastructure addressing flood protection, water quality and possible consolidation

- **Economic Development Recovery:** \$1.5 billion to help businesses retain or create jobs through:
  - Small business incubator programs
  - Micro-loans to small businesses
- **Civic and Non-Profit Community Facilities:** \$1 billion
  - Reconstruct and rehabilitate facilities to address loss of functionality in communities
- **Administration and Planning:** \$2.0 billion

Your continued support and advocacy on our request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sylvester Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping tail.

Mayor Sylvester Turner