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COMMENTS FOR HB 2068 by Paul | et al.

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Joseph Myers

Self and Board Member of the Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition and Drainage Improvement District  
Cypress, TX

Dear Representative,

I am writing to you today in support of HB 2068 submitted by Representative Paul. A bill before the Natural Resource Committee that relates to the governance of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). I support the bill. HB 2068 uses the bill language that created the HCFCD. It is appropriate that the bill be modified to appropriately lay out the governance of a regional agency. The governance of the HCFCD as previously stated does not give HCFCD the autonomy it needs to properly serve the residents of the regional drainage watersheds. The Harris County Commissioners' Court is not community minded, does not consider the needs of the entire community and is not bipartisan. The HCFCD needs regional governance. Water does not recognize man made governing lines such as county boundaries. Water follows the land and makes its way to a creek, stream, bayou or river. Harris County borders Liberty, Chambers, Montgomery, Waller, Fort Bend, Brazoria and Galveston Counties. All of which have waterways that are impacted by counties on both sides of the waterway which then impacts the other county. The original bill was hastily prepared in response to devastating floods in the previous decade that decimated the Houston area. In the interest of time, the bill authors made the boundaries the same as Harris County and made Harris County Commissioners Court the governing body. There must be representation if there is taxation. The area needed an agency to partner with the US Army Corps of Engineers to implement a new flood damage reduction plan. It worked. That worked then, but it hasn't worked lately. It is time to give the agency a regional governing body. This may or may not fix the issue. Replace one governing body with another. But things need to change, so this would be a good start. I would prefer the governing body to be elected and not appointed. An elected body gives the residents local control. I do support the bill, and I thank you for considering this bill.

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Elaine Britt

Self  
Houston, TX

I am Elaine Britt, a resident of Harris County, and I am AGAINST HB 2068. Localized flooding issues should be managed locally. This is a state takeover attempt of a local resource. I live in Meyerland and have personally experienced my home flooding twice (May 2015 and August 2017); I cannot imagine how a state-appointed group would have responded better. HCFCD improved the Brays Bayou by expanding the capacity, and we have not flooded since Harvey. Please vote against HB 2068 and let locals manage local issues. Thank you!

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Mason Cutner  
Self  
Humble, TX

Please move this bill forward.

As someone who lives on the shores of Lake Houston in Atascocita, which is near Kingwood. Flooding on Lake Houston and the San Jacinto River poses an imminent risk to everyone within this watershed. Montgomery County continues to expand at an exponential pace, clearing out forests and wetlands to build countless developments. All of that water will end up downstream, and every year will continue to increase the risk of flooding downstream. We need to expand the HCFCD to include the surrounding counties and remove control of their funding from the partisan politics of Harris County.

Thank you,

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Janet Hollis, Mrs  
Self. Insurance agent  
Humble, TX

Hurricane Harvey devastated parts of kingwood and atacocita flooding by the San Jacinto river. Not enough has been done here to keep that from happening again. There are many folks that live here that barely make bills every month. We need someone other than who is currently in charge to lead hcfcd to bettering all persons who live near the San Jacinto basin

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Lisa Ryan  
Self - Retired Geologist  
Kingwood, TX

Please support this bill to provide comprehensive flood mitigation for all citizens of Harris County

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Eric Thiede, Mr  
self, retired  
Kingwood, TX

Flooding does not respect political boundaries. Floods in the last 15 years have shown that floods are caused not only from the rains falling on Harris County but also from areas outside of Harris County. The Harris County Flood Control District needs to cover more than just Harris County. And it needs to be managed by a non-partisan board that focuses on not just repairing damage already done but also on fixing flooding for the whole area. I live in the Kingwood area. Harvey taught me that coordination between the various boards, districts and political organizations is VERY difficult. The mandates of each organization effectively preclude working well with each other. And the solutions are not able to protect from water sources outside the county. So future flood risk is almost assured as those areas are developed outside of the existing HCFCD plan.

We need bill 2068 because:

Water doesn't respect political boundaries. Back in 1937 when the legislature created HCFCD, that wasn't a huge problem. Most of the region's population lived within Harris County.

But since then, the Houston area has grown to encompass all or parts of seven counties. Having the state's only flood control district focusing primarily in the area inside Beltway 8 no longer serves the needs of the region. The region is growing rapidly up to the Grand Parkway Toll Road (SH 99).

Additionally, political policy preferences make the situation worse. Funneling resources to favored areas rather than to projects that provide the greatest benefit to solving the flooding problem.

For instance, in the San Jacinto watershed, an area half again as large as Harris County drains past Kingwood. Yet Kingwood has received only \$230 in capital improvement construction projects from HCFCD. Ever.

But during Harvey, Kingwood had the highest flooding in the county. And it has flooded several times since then.

Meanwhile, eight other watersheds favored by certain Harris County Commissioners have received more than \$740 million...just since 2018.

Their formula for allocating funds relies heavily on race and income. Incredibly the majority of County Commissioners now in control do not even include flood damage or risk in their current formula for prioritizing flood-mitigation projects.

Moreover, HCFCD under the leadership of Harris County Commissioners Court refuses to release comparative flood risk data in their possession.

Plus, certain commissioners have vowed not to allow HCFCD to spend money on projects outside of Harris County, where many of the County's flooding problems originate.

Bill 2068 addresses these issues by:

1. Replacing Harris County Commissioners Court as managers of HCFCD with a board appointed by the governor. (See Section 1D Page 3.) and
2. Allowing surrounding counties to join the reconstituted district voluntarily after approval by their Commissioners Courts and voters.

Thank you.

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Mark Schaaf  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

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Please fix this by passing HB 2068. Thank you. Mark Schaaf

Bob Reha, Host

ReduceFlooding.com (This is a pro bono site operated by myself. I am retired.)

Kingwood, TX

I support HB2068.

We need HB2068 because water doesn't respect political boundaries. I live in a neighborhood called Kingwood in Harris County near the Montgomery County line. To complicate matters, I'm inside the City of Houston, but my flooding problems originate in unincorporated areas.

Having one entity responsible for controlling flooding would be a godsend.

We have an area half again as large as Harris County itself drain past us. But we get virtually no help from Harris County Flood Control District because of the way it's being currently governed by Harris County Commissioners Court. We have received only \$230 in capital improvement construction projects from HCFCF. Ever. Yet we had the highest flooding in the county during Hurricane Harvey and have flooded several times since.

Meanwhile, eight watersheds with a majority of low-income residents have received more than \$740 million from the County's 2018 flood bond.

Harris County Commissioners now in control of HCFCF currently do not even include flood damage or flood risk in their formula for prioritizing flood-mitigation projects. Harris County even refuses to release flood-risk data in their possession.

Plus, certain commissioners have vowed not to allow HCFCF to spend money on projects outside of Harris County, where many of the County's flooding problems originate.

HB2068 could help change that by replacing Harris County Commissioners Court with a board appointed by the governor. It could also make surrounding areas part of the solution.

HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues by working together.

Flooding may not respect political boundaries. But HB2068 bridges those boundaries.

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Deborah Prucha, Mrs

Self

Humble, TX

Kingwood, Humble, Atascocita area has been greatly impacted by flooding from storms as well as sand mining that has not been properly managed and caused flooding of thousands of homes on multiple occasions as well as diminished the amount of water that can be held for the city of Houston water supply. Political games from various city commissioners have kept financial monies away from the areas that have been affected the most. We need help from various areas that contribute to the problems caused but the fore mentioned. Since most of the San Jacinto water basin is located up stream from Harris county, we must address this problem and have solutions that help the those affected. The city commissioners only care about their areas even though they use the water from Lake Houston. Please help this area of the state and the 4th largest city in the US.

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Guadalupe Fernandez  
Bayou City Waterkeeper  
Houston, TX

Bayou City Waterkeeper opposes HB 2068. While we understand the importance of regional collaboration for flood control, we believe the bill threatens local control, risks politicization of critical flood control decisions, and lacks safeguards for Harris County taxpayer dollars, potentially compromising the HCFCD's ability to serve the region efficiently and impartially.

You can review our detailed testimony at: <https://bayoucitywaterkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/BCWK-Comments-HB-2068-89R-HNR-Google-Docs.pdf>

Our key concerns include the erosion of local control through Governor appointments replacing elected Commissioners, diminishing local oversight and tailored flood control, increasing the risk of politicized decision-making. Centralizing appointment power also presents a potential for politicization, risking the prioritization of political considerations over technical expertise in critical flood decisions. Furthermore, altering the established governance of the HCFCD, an entity created by the state legislature specifically for Harris County, could hinder its responsiveness and disrupt ongoing projects. Finally, the lack of clarity on tax revenue use is a significant concern for Harris County taxpayers, who need assurance that their funds primarily benefit the county and do not subsidize others without explicit safeguards.

HB 2068 would undermine the successful regional flood control approach within our watershed. TWDB flood planning regions (San Jacinto Region 6) already provide a robust framework for collaboration, expertise, and funding. This bill would create redundant bureaucracy. TWDB also offers grant application assistance to localities seeking state funds, making HCFCD restructuring unnecessary.

We believe a more effective path lies in implementing the Regional and State Flood Plans, rather than risking local control and the equitable use of Harris County tax revenue.

Please contact Guadalupe Fernandez at [guadalupe@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org](mailto:guadalupe@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org) or Usman Mahmood at [usman@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org](mailto:usman@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org) with any questions.

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Jeff Miller  
self  
Kingwood, TX

Please take control of flood mitigation from the Harris County politicians and give it back to the engineers or managers dedicated to helping all citizens who have flooded or at risk to flood again. Do this without regard to race, status or religion. Prioritize funding to "worst first "

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Michael Kevlin  
self  
Kingwood, TX

Do it now.

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Nathalie Delwaide, Mrs.  
self  
Kingwood, TX

As a lifelong Kingwood resident, a mother of three young children, and a homeowner whose property was devastated by Hurricane Harvey, I urge you to prioritize flood mitigation projects in our area. It feels like funding for critical projects is consistently directed to other regions based on different "demographic" criteria, leaving Kingwood without the flood control we were promised and have been advocating for. Another major flood will leave this community unable to recover. Local businesses simply cannot afford to rebuild again. Every storm brings heightened anxiety—our community holds its breath and prays for better outcomes than what the forecasts predict. We need action now to ensure that our families and businesses have a future.

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Nancy Vera  
Self/Elm Grove Village  
Kingwood, TX

We support this bill for ourselves and neighbors!! We flooded in 2019!!!

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john knoerzer  
self retired  
kingwood, TX

We need HB2068 to keep flood funds from being used to buy votes and favors in Harris county. We need HB2068 to insure Harris County Commissioners Court are not managers of HCFCD and an independent board appointed by the governor oversees these funds. It also allows surrounding counties to join the reconstituted district voluntarily after approval by their Commissioners Courts and voters.

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Katherine Arno, Mrs.  
self Sr Administrative Assistant  
Sugar Land, TX

This could help better serve residents and allow them an opportunity to decide how to handle their flooding issues together.

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Gloria Knoerzer  
self retired  
kingwood, TX

HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together. This would allow for money to be spent where it is truly needed and not where Harris county would spend money to gain votes and political goodwill.

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Heather Outlaw  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

As a resident of Kingwood, we worry about being forgotten when it comes to flood control.

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Sybil Margaritis, Ms  
Self; retired  
Kingwood, TX

HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together.

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Charles Woods, Mr  
Sell  
Huffman, TX

I support this bill. It's the only hope for our community to have reduced flooding.

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Paul Margaritis  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I believe HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together. As such I encourage its passage. It has been over 2700 days since the Harvey flood and we are still waiting for mitigating modification of the San Jacinto river spillway and clear coordination of the Lake Conroe dam operation with downstream interest.

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Stephen Fisher  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Flood control is very important to me and my family, if this is not resolved we will likely leave the community because the risk of flooding is too high.

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Dee Price, Ms.  
self, retired  
Kingwood, TX

I support HB2068. Water flows across county lines. Kingwood is located at the county line between Harris and Montgomery Counties. A regional organization is needed to enable a region-wide response to flooding issues that cross county lines.

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Shirley Nutt  
Self  
Huffman, TX

If this bill doesn't pass and another flood event occurs with loss of life, I hope the families sue for wrongful death. The evidence is very clear. Please do the right thing.

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Carol Kelleher  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I would like to express my support for HB 2068. Flood control is important for the Lake Houston area to avoid a repeat of what senselessly happened during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

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Margaret Hennessey  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Please support this bill. We should never see another Harvey!

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Anthony Lanson  
self, engineer  
Kingwood, TX

As Kingwood residents who flooded during Harvey in 2017, my wife, children, and I strongly support HB2068! The scope of the HCFCDD authority for water management is severely obsolete. We Need HB2068 to fix that. When HCFCDD was the 6 counties north of Harris county were mostly rural and most of the region's population lived within Harris County. Explosive growth in the 7-county area of the San Jacinto watershed is a threat to lives and property. The 7 counties in the San Jacinto watershed have many overlapping authorities and jurisdictions lacking coordination and regional focus. Flooding will continue to impact Harris county residents and emergency response agencies at all government levels. Insurance rates will respond negatively, impacting the sustainability and viability of the region. A solution is possible with regional authority and control that would be provided by HB 2068. HB2068 will enable much needed evidence-based allocation of funds for flood control. For instance, in the San Jacinto watershed, an area half again as large as Harris County drains past Kingwood. During Harvey, Kingwood had the highest flooding in the county. And it has flooded several times since then. Kingwood has received only \$230 in capital improvement construction projects from HCFCDD construction projects from HCFCDD. Meanwhile, eight other watersheds favored by certain Harris County Commissioners have received more than \$740 million since 2018. The majority of County Commissioners now in control do not even include flood damage or risk in their current formula for prioritizing flood-mitigation projects. See the May 16th, 2022 letter from Community Flood Resilience Task Force (CFRTF) letter to Dr. Tina Petersen, Executive Director Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCDD). Moreover, HCFCDD under the leadership of Harris County Commissioners Court refuses to release comparative flood risk data in their possession. Plus, certain commissioners have vowed not to allow HCFCDD to spend money on projects outside of Harris County, where many of the County's flooding problems originate. This defies logic and evidence and guarantees that flooding will continue to occur. And the future of Kingwood, Humble, Atascocita and communities around Lake Houston will continue to be at risk. Flooding does not respect political boundaries. HB2068 bridges those boundaries. HB2068 modifies the legislation that originally created HCFCDD. The modifications will:

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HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together. Please support the passage of HB2068.

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WILLIAM MCCABE  
Lake Houston Flood Task Force  
Kingwood, TX

Chairman Harris and members of the Natural Resources Committee, I would strongly urge you to vote in favor of HB2068. Flood Control is not limited geographically, but can extend across several Counties and various jurisdictions. When you are trying to control, store, preserve, and distribute storm and flood waters of rivers and streams you must have the wherewithal to cross jurisdictional lines for the benefit of ALL concerned. A piecemeal approach does no good for any of the parties concerned. As the Houston Chronicle stated in an editorial on May 19, 2024, "Harris County sweeping drainage regulations are useless if our neighboring counties don't follow suit". Considering the magnitude of flood and drainage issues in this area a regional flood control District is both necessary and in the best interest of all parties. Flood waters do not stop at County lines-hence the need for a regional Flood Control District.

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Justine Laurora  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I lost everything during Harvey.

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Patricia Laurora  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

My home had over five feet of water during Harvey. I lost everything.

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Michael Jrab  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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Nada Jrab  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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Michael Shrader  
Myself and my neighbors in the City of Plum Grove TX  
Cleveland, TX

I fully support this bill!

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Evelyn Sagarra  
Evelyn Sagarra  
Kingwood, TX

Support this for the neighborhood of Riverbend.

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Marco Johnson  
Self/Pilot  
Houston, TX

I support this bill.

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Fredrick Arno  
Self  
Cypress, TX, TX

This message is in support of bill HB2068. This legislation is a proactive move to mitigate the devastation of future flooding events like Harvey. I encourage the Texas State Legislators to pass this bill.  
Fredrick H. Arno

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JuanCarlos Sagarra  
Riverbend  
Kingwood, TX

I support this.

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Judy Thigpen  
Self-retired  
Humble, TX

I support this bill. HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together.

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Andrew Burke  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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William Needels  
Self, software developer  
Porter, TX

Seems like a good idea. Needs a means for counties to regain their autonomy if they so choose.

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Virginia Calise  
Lake Houston  
Humble, TX

Please don't allow us to flood again. I am a homeowner and a Realtor in this area. We need this bill passed. Once the floods are gone everyone leaves us hanging to be vulnerable again. Please support this bill  
Thank u  
Virginia Calise

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Randy Braud  
Self - Retired  
Humble, TX

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HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together.

Flooding does not respect political boundaries. HB2068 bridges those boundaries.

This matter is very personal to me. I received 3 1/2 feet of water in my 1 1/2 year old home from Harvey. Since then, we have been threatened by rising water in the West Fork of the San Jacinto.

We supported all funding requests/bonds from Harris County. We were promised flood mitigation projects. HOWEVER, the Harris County Judge and a majority of the commissioners have redirected the funds and projects to other areas for POLITICAL PURPOSES.

ENACTING THIS LEGISLATION WILL REMOVE LOCAL POLITICS FROM DECISIONS IMPACTING FLOODING !

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Kim Fazzino  
self  
Kingwood, TX

Approve HB2068. HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together

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Janet McCleary  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

#### Why We Need HB2068

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But since then, the Houston area has grown to encompass all or parts of seven counties. Having the state's only flood control district focusing primarily on the area inside Beltway 8 no longer serves the needs of the region.

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#### How HB2068 Could Change That

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Dianne Lansden, MRS.  
self; retired educator  
Kingwood, TX

HB2068 Relating to the restructuring of Harris County Flood Control District and surrounding counties. I SUPPORT THIS BILL. PLEASE GET IT TO THE FULL HOUSE.

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James Teuschl  
Self  
Huffman, TX

I support as a resident of The commons

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Bonny Montanari  
self and family and friends in Kingwood  
Kingwood, TX

We need to have a common sense approach to flooding that broadens our planning to the many impacted communities. Water does not discriminate and Kingwood as an example has been left out of the Harris county planning due to the present commissioners. Also, the development of surrounding areas (Montgomery County) has been not managed with flood mitigation and down river impact. We all need to work together to keep us all safe. Where is the plan? Where are the laws that protect the environment from the open sand pits? We need help! We have already had several friends relocate because of the inaction regarding flood mitigation. Please pass HB2068

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Mitchell Lansden, Mr.  
self, retired attorney  
Kingwood, TX

I support HB2068. Please vote your approval to move the bill along to the full House. Do the right thing.

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Jane and Charles Homeowners Skillman  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support HB 2068

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Maryrose lebus  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Please pass this bill

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Clarence Richardson  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill.

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Jennifer Moody  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

As a resident of Kingwood, TX, this bill is so important for residents like myself that care about the safety and longevity of our communities when it comes to flood control. Kingwood has historically been affected by poor flood mitigation decisions and it's time we raise attention to this area that desperately needs help when it comes to better developmental planning and prevention re flood control.

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Laura Norton  
Self  
Spring, TX

I support Bill 2068

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James Allison, Mr.  
Self  
Kingwood,, TX

Please advance this bill out of committee for further approval. Governance and territory of Flood Control District will be enhanced by passage of HB 2068.

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Susan Davy  
Self. Retired Pathologist  
Kingwood, TX

I STRONGLY support this bill!

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Paige MAY  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support

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Jim Harty  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill and this is the correct legislation for our future

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Ryan Clark  
Fosters Mill  
Kingwood, TX

We need help from the county that you annexed Kingwood into. The financial resources that we tax payers pour into this county are immense and this should be a top priority for the elected people in charge.

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David Lyday  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Reconstituting the management of the HCFCF is critical as the area north of Harris County continues to grow. The District was created in 1937, and Kingwood has received \$230 from it. Ever. Meanwhile, certain areas favored by the Harris County commissioners who currently control the funds have received \$740 MILLION just since 2018. Let the governor direct the District so that funding can be be fair, instead at the discretion of Commissioners who are administering the funds based on skin color and personal benefit of certain commissioners. As population continues to increase in Montgomery County just north of us in Kingwood, the danger of truly destructive flooding for us increases exponentially. Under the current administrative structure Kingwood is doomed to flood more and more. Personal preferences CANNOT continue to dictate distribution in a way that sentences Kingwood to destruction. Thank you for your consideration.

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Pamela Nolting  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support HB2068. The management structure set in place in 1937 is no longer appropriate nor effective for the current situation. HB 2068 will fix that by bridging the political boundaries of the area and enabling the district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together. Please support it and send it to the floor.

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Jennifer Coulter  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Please pass this bill. My home flooded as a result of the Lake Conroe Dam release following Hurricane Harvey. It was financially devastating for my family. Please give those of us at the bottom of the San Jacinto watershed a fighting chance to not repeat the devastation we had in Harvey and several times since. Kingwood needs real flood control and prevention and Harris County Commissioners Court has turned their backs on us. Thank you.

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Jane Erwin  
self  
Kingwood, TX

I support HB2068!

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June Ledet  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

It is vital to the survival of Kingwood that this bill is passed. We cannot survive another major flood and current commissioners have done nothing to mitigate the threat we face for future flooding.

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Tobey Taylor  
Self. Environmental Engineer  
Huffman, TX

Water doesn't care about arbitrary political boundaries. Flooding is no longer just a Harris County concern. The watersheds feeding the county have impacts, and need coordination, well outside the county lines.

As a resident of Huffman in NE Harris County, there is almost nothing HCFCDD can do to alleviate flooding and improve drainage in my area. The areas that need attention, including the infamous Colony Ridge settlement which has egregious violations of basic drainage standards, are outside the district's authority.

Expanding the district's authority will accomplish 2 positive outcomes.

1. It will potentially allow coordination and regulation of the entire watershed that affects flooding in the region. Much like how a Water Master manages a resource independent of political boundaries, an expanded flood district will be able to do what's best for the region.

2. HB2068 will also remove control from the local politicians to an independent board. A board appointed by the governor will hopefully be more focused on overall results as opposed to using the flood control district for pet projects in a county commissioner's district. Maybe it would do something shocking, like use the flood risk and historical flooding history of areas to allocate funds, instead of strictly race and income.

In conclusion, I fully support HB2068 and trust that it will be put to a vote and quickly become law.

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Castine Theriot  
Self/retired  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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Sharon Lavallee  
Self  
Huffman, Tx, TX

I support this bill

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Tyler Yasso  
Self  
Huffman, TX

I support this

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Jody Binnion  
Self - consultant oil & gas  
Splendora, TX

I support HB 3068  
Only hope we have to help the flooding in our area. Please

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Ralph Bartholow  
Self  
Crosby, TX

Support. Still waiting on projects

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Michelle Chavez  
Self  
Humble, TX

I support this bill.

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Gilbert Chavez  
Self  
Humble, TX

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Deborah Freeman  
Self  
Humble, TX

I support this bill

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Lu Ann Schmidt  
Self Retired  
Humble, TX

we need to change the Harris County Flood Control District to include other counties. My home flooded during Hurricane Harvey (4 feet in my house) due to excessive water released from Lake Conroe in Montgomery county, and the upstream watersheds in different counties. Currently Kingwood has only received \$230K capital improvements while the rest of the \$2Billion bond election was distributed to other areas based on race and income. We need a broader viewpoint to prevent flooding as water doesn't care which county it starts in or flows into. The Lake Houston Dam project which would help this issue started scoping right after Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The schedule has slipped and slipped into 2029 currently, leaving Kingwood vulnerable to flooding again and decreasing the tax base for Harris County by a huge amount. No one will want to live in Kingwood without assurances that flooding is fixed for the future. Thank you.

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Alexandra Mealer  
Self  
Houston, TX

I support HB 2068. Full remarks with sourcing: <https://mailchi.mp/138b8df24fa3/reduce-flooding-in-harris-county>.

A few key points on the need for HB 2068:

When voters approved 188 flood control projects as part of the 2018 \$2.5 billion bond referendum, the bond program was to run 10 years (January 2019 – January 2029). So where does the flood control program stand today now that we are 6+ years into the 10-year program?

--42 projects completed (~20%) when should be well over 100 projects completed

--No available tracking of bond dollars spent (multiple outdated financial tracking software systems that are not interconnected), estimate available May 2025

--Only \$230 (no, I am not missing a few zeros) in capital investments have been spent in Kingwood, TX despite flooding at least 4X since Hurricane Harvey

A revised prioritization framework for flood control projects that increased the weighting for social vulnerability index (giving higher scores to areas with lower incomes and higher minority population groups) while excluding measures of flood risk (e.g., consideration of damage and risk reduction)

Flood control progress (or delay) is directly correlated to the increased layers of bureaucratic bloat at HCFCD. In addition to spending millions on the creation of new positions to help manage flood control projects (e.g., Chief External Affairs Officer, Chief Finance & Administration Officer, Chief Infrastructure & Operations Officer, Chief Project Delivery Officer, Government Relations, Resilience Planner and the list goes on...), the process to execute flood control projects has slowed down to almost a halt due to the increased government friction from departments Harris County Progressives created.

Another way to measure the efficiency of the HCFCD is to look at the pace of spending for flood control projects. With all the new bureaucratic positions, one would hope to see an uptick in spending as projects move from design to execution. Unfortunately, spending is now declining for the 4th straight year.

Perhaps I am too critical but the harshest critics of Harris County Flood Control have come from the Progressive Commissioners themselves. After learning of at least a \$140 million shortfall for projects in Rodney Ellis's own precinct during a February Commissioners Court meeting, Commissioner Ellis remarked:

"It would be very challenging to go to voters in Precinct 1 and ask them to trust the county again," Ellis said. "Even to trust me. This is an abomination."

On this we agree. Do not trust Harris County with Flood Control. Please support HB 2068 – this bill is too important to die a quiet death in committee.

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Kathleen Czubik, Mrs.  
Myself  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill.

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Diane Tsmpe  
Self, retired  
Pasadena, TX

Please please pass HB 2068! We deserve an efficiency and action to mitigate flooding.

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Joseph DiNorscia, Mr.  
Self / Retired  
Houston, TX

I support this bill. This legislation will ensure that there is better control over the flood district. Harris County has politicized decision making and this bill would address that. There is too much waste in county government.

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Sarai Macedo  
Self  
Houston, TX

I support this bill

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Jen Jaeger-Karp  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Yes, I highly support this. Please pass. It's imperative

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Jim Wise  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

We express our strong support for HB2068 and urge the Committee to pass this bill.

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Sandie Bass, Homeowner  
Self  
Huffman, TX

I support this bill. It's very much needed particularly since several major floods have impacted northern Harris county where creeks and rivers enter the county and flow to Lake Houston. Those tributaries have brought sand and debris during floods, created wash outs in some infrastructures, leaving significant impact above the surface and below their surface.

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Gus Faris  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I fully support this bill

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Travis Skipper  
self- Consultant  
Katy, TX

I support this bill 100%- We have got to manage our flooding planning better, and no matter where you are in Harris County you've experience multiple flooding events.

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Anna Ganucheau, Mrs.  
Self  
Huffman, TX

I support this bill

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Kirk Mahoney  
Self/Retired  
Houston, TX

I live in Harris County Precinct 1, and I almost never agree with Precinct-1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis. But, I agree with what he purportedly remarked during a February Harris County Commissioners Court meeting about a \$140,000,000 shortfall in Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) spending in Precinct 1: "It would be very challenging to go to voters in Precinct 1 and ask them to trust the county again. Even to trust me. This is an abomination." Please vote for HB 2068 to take flood-control planning out of the hands of the proven-incompetent HCFCD. Thank you!

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Dennis Albrecht  
Self, Retired  
The Woodlands, TX

Changing the current structure of the HCFCD is one of the most critical issues for the areas impacted by the multiple watersheds surrounding the Houston area. For too many years this organization has been taken over for political issues and has lost its way in focusing on "flood control". This group would greatly benefit in doing its job by reporting to a Board more broadly represented by all areas around Houston. Water does not have county boundaries and should be managed by a group that looks at solutions that impact the flow of water - not based on what political party your Commissioner lives in! Please do your job and represent the people of this region, not the political party everyone hides behind.

Thank you for your attention to this issue - you can be the Leaders that make the change!

Dennis Albrecht

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Jeffrey Sieler  
Myself  
Houston, TX

I strongly support the passage of HB 2068. Next to crime, flooding is the single biggest reason to leave Houston. The lack of governance and expertise is an abomination.

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Erik Casperson  
Self, healthcare executive  
Kingwood, TX

I live in Kingwood, Texas. Our area has been devastated by flooding in the last eight years. While flood control seems to be a topic of concern our area, specifically Kingwood, does not seem to nearly get the representation that it deserves. We need help in the Lake Houston area

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Mark Erwin  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I fully support this bill as Kingwood has the highest level of flooding yet has not received the relative allocation of capital to prevent funding. Additionally funding is estimated prevent future flooding

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Anthony Lanson  
Concerned Citizens of the Lake Houston Area, I am the communications coordinator  
Kingwood, TX

The Concerned Citizens of the Lake Houston area is a group of 200 residents who flooded during Harvey in 2017 and some of us have flooded since then. We know we will flood again. Some of our neighbors and friends are already voting with their feet and taking their property taxes elsewhere. This is not a good trend for the region and will accelerate if we continue to flood.

We know we will continue to flood unless there is a solution upstream in the great San Jacinto watershed. The expenditures by the HCFCFCD in Harris county alone is insufficient. We strongly support HB 2068! We need a regional governance model with the authoirt to tackle the problem at the source. The problem impacts Harris county but the largest opportunity to fix the problem is outside Harris county. Expansion and development in the counties within the San Jacinto watershed have introduced a new danger and will require new solutions.

The scope of the HCFCFCD authority for water management is obsolete. We Need HB 2068 to fix that.

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Andreea Pani  
Self  
KINGWOOD, TX

I support this bill

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Elizabeth Cipriani  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Please pass HB2068. The Kingwood area was devastated by flooding in 2017 and proportionally very little remediation has been done since then. Just last May, 2024, flood waters came close to the houses in our neighborhood once again. Action must be taken. My husband and I have vowed to leave our house permanently if it should flood again. The loss of taxes in Kingwood from additional families would be significant. Please do not forget our community.

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Ryan McWhorter  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Fully support HB 2068. This is a critical bill to aid in the flooding prevention of all Harris County residents. Thank you

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Ana Pani  
Self  
KINGWOOD, TX

I support this bill

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Dacian Cioltea  
Self  
KINGWOOD, TX

I support this bill

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Petru Pani  
Self  
KINGWOOD, TX

I support this bill

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Brenda Brummett  
self/realtor  
Houston, TX

Harris County Commissioners Court has failed the citizens. Flooding is such a serious problem for the county and they have failed to address it with urgency and reasonable planning. We need less bureauacracy (let's create another unnecessary position that we can control - can we say kickback(?)) and more actual work being done.

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John graziano  
The Lovin' G, LLC  
Magnolia, TX

I like the idea of moving flood control decisions out of Harris County. What I do not want is the use of eminent domain for parks and trails on private property in the name of flood control that was done in Harris County. We agree we do not want flooding but with respect to private property rights.

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Dennis McCleary  
Kingwood Residents  
Kingwood, TX

I support Bill HB 2068  
Please move it out of committee. The current organization structure does no serve the interest of Kingwood or the San Jacinto basin to manage overall control of drainage and flood mitigate. The current Harris County commissioners do not serve our area. The flood control district needs to incorporate a multiple county focus with a state appointed commission.

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James Seydewitz  
Self, retired  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill.

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Andrew Ricks  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Please approve HB 2068 up for consideration today. I have resided in Kingwood for 43 years and have witnessed many major and minor flooding events. Our home was flooded by Harvey in 2017 and it took one year to rebuild. We continue to be at risk due extensive development in areas surrounding the upper part of the San Jacinto watershed which ultimately passes through the Kingwood. Excess water will continue to drain into the watershed unless we find ways to mitigate the effects of unchecked development. Please pass HB 2068.

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Woody Mann Jr  
Vista Equities Group  
Houston, TX

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 2068. To not pass this bill would be a travesty to the residents of Harris County.

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Ron Copeland  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Many of the people living in and around the greater Houston area are under represented by the Harris County Commissioners Court when it comes to flood relief and mitigation. Living in the Kingwood area I have experienced that firsthand. I support HB2068 as it would allow all in the greater Houston area to be better represented and heard.

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Kyle Sorge  
Kingwood  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill.

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James Towne  
self  
Kingwood, TX

We need a change. Please support HB 2068!

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Angela Lattimore, Ms  
self  
Kingwood, TX

PLEASE pass HB2068. My town of Kingwood really needs help with flooding. We are dependant on our government officials to help us. Thank you!!

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Ellen Zampello  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I am a victim of flooding in Kingwood . Please pass this bill to include areas of river basin that affect all of Harris county and represent everyone affected.

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Renee Copeland, Mrs  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Many of the people living in and around the greater Houston area are under represented by the Harris County Commissioners Court when it comes to flood relief and mitigation. Living in the Kingwood area I have experienced that firsthand. I support HB2068 as it would allow all in the greater Houston area to be better represented and heard.

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Karen Pickle  
Self  
Humble, TX

As a 40 year resident of first Kingwood and now Atascocita on Lake Houston, I am in favor of House bill 2068. 1994 was the first time we saw Lake Houston (E and W San Jacinto Rivers) flood the Kingwood area. My husband and Boy Scout Son were part of the clean up, efforts and saw the damage the flood water created in the Forest Cove area and some low lying areas of Kingwood. Kingwood has doubled in size since then. We felt reassured in 2005 when we moved onto Lake Houston that that was a once in a lifetime flood. . The previous owners pointed to where the water came on our property that year and said it was the only time the water had ever topped the bulkhead. Since that time there has been tremendous growth in the areas around... residential, commercial and industrial. In fact, these areas are considered some of the fastest growing areas in the country. Growth and progress some at a price....the lake water now routinely covers the dock and walk way. The water tops the bulkhead (and we are 15 feet about the 500 year flood plan) no less than once or twice a year. Each year the flooding of homes and businesses in Kingwood gets a little worse...there are homes that never came back after repeated flooding. As Harvey survivors, we watch the water in the lake with a different attitude than when we first moved here...less peaceful more anxiety fraught. Until this year, when FEMA/State money has been used to mitigate the silting in of the lake capacity, there has been little attention on how to prevent these events. The Commission Court has used any grants for areas that do not see the floods as we do. Please give the people of KW and Lake Houston a voice in how money that is allocated for flood prevention. Support changes from house bill 2068.

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Stacie Sawrie  
Self, tax accountant  
Kingwood, TX

I am a resident of Kingwood, TX. My home flooded during Harvey. I strongly support this bill!!

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Robert Vincent  
Myself  
KINGWOOD, TX

Please support HB 2068. Harris County Flood District does not recognize the Kingwood area well at all. Thank you.

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Drew Wasson, Councilman  
City of Jersey Village  
JERSEY VILLAGE, TX

As a civic leader in an area prone to flooding (Jersey Village), removing HCFCFCD from the political control of commissioner's court is a good move.  
This bill would help focus flood mitigation efforts in areas most at risk. It will also allow neighboring counties— where most watersheds flowing through Harris County begin— to participate.  
This bill is a win for those in areas historically prone to flooding and for separating science & engineering from politics

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DLisa Piriano  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill.

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Rosalyn VanDinter  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

We need this bill to proceed in order to insure property protection for Kingwood! We have been clearly affected since 1994 and substantially affected in 2017 by Harvey. We need this bill!

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Randy Johnson, Retired Professional Engineer  
Myself  
Houston, TX

I support HB 2968. Harris County Commissioners Court is incompetent and ineffective. There is no accountability or transparency, and their progress to date is slow.

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Cindy Vincent  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Please support HB 2068. As a resident of Kingwood, TX, I witnessed first hand the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Some of our neighborhoods have never fully recovered. And now, every time we've got a storm in our forecast, Kingwood residents anxiously fear a repeat of more flooding. The current "powers that be" have done little to nothing to alleviate this situation. In fact, their interests lie elsewhere. So when it comes to Kingwood, it's not a matter of "if" we flood again, but rather, it's a matter of "when." That's why we need the State of Texas to intervene and keep our residents and property safe from another major storm.

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Justin Monroe  
Self  
Kirbyville, TX

I support this bill.

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Sally Valle, Mrs.  
self/ retired teacher  
Kingwood, TX

Please approve HB 2068 which would bridge the boundaries between the area inside Beltway 8 and the outside area of Harris County. HCFCD, our state's only flood control district no longer serves the needs of the region. My community, Kingwood, being has severely suffered from the Harvey flooding and additional floods since then having had the highest flooding in the county as we are located in the San Jacinto watershed area. Since HCFCD'S inception in 1937 we have ONLU RECEIVED \$230 in Capital Improvement Construction projects EVER. Eight other watersheds have received millions just since 2018 and refuse to release comparative flood risk data in their possession. It is known that many of Harris County;s flooding originates outside the county. Thus, to replace HCFCD MANAGERS WITH A BOARD APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND HAVING SURROUNDING COUNTIES JOIN THE RECONSTITUTED DISTRICT VOLUNTARILY, it would allow the district to serve all the people of the river basin when needing to address their flooding issues together. Please approve HB2068

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Douglas Blake, Mr.  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I hope you will vote to approve moving this proposed legislation out of committee for further consideration.

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Barrett Brown  
self/orthopedic surgeon  
Houston, TX

Good morning,  
I am a resident of Houston, Texas and am in support of HB 2068. I have lived in Houston since 2007, and before that lived here from 1997-2001. Since I returned 18 years ago, the amount of flooding has risen drastically. While my house has not itself flooded, I have had family members and friends who have been adversely affected by the various floods. While the growth of Houston and surrounding areas has been good for our local economy, to maintain and protect residents and businesses from the potentially catastrophic damage of rising water, it is paramount that the HCFCD be operated in a manner consistent with doing what its name indicates. It is also important that it be done in a fiscally responsible manner. I believe HB 2068 will facilitate the HCFCD to better operate in this manner, and to maintain its accountability to the residents of the area it oversees. In addition to mitigating the potential for flooding, it would also seem prudent to be able to capture the runoff during rain events and somehow store it (whether in newly made lakes and reservoirs, or underground) for later use when the state has a lack of rain, which has been increasingly common in recent years. As our population grows, more water is needed to maintain that growth, and effective utilization of these potential resources (runoff from rainfall) when they may otherwise be scarce, would help mitigate events related to excess precipitation or a lack thereof.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request and for your consideration of this bill to improve the safety of residents in the Houston area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of additional assistance, or if you have any questions regarding my comments.

Best regards,

Barrett Brown

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Nancy Cockrell  
Home owner  
Huffman, TX

I support this bill.

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Lisa Foley  
self/retired  
Cypress, TX

I am 100% for moving flood control away from the politics of Harris County Commissioner's Court so that the sources of flooding can truly be addressed vs the politics of flooding. Never should low/moderate income or face factors be a criteria in flood mitigation. We keep doing study after study, a new one on the Cypress Creek overflow discussed this week at Comm Court despite the overflow issue having been studied since the 1940s. Updating studies year over year only illuminates the biggest issue - development that is not achieving no adverse impact. Yet, no real action there either. Developers submit plans, but there is a lack of inspection and follow up - and true County review of the flow rates actually leaving a newly developed area. It's time to move from study after study, which costs millions, to implementation to mitigate flooding. I truly believe that as long as politics drive HCFCFCD, that little mitigation addressing the sources of flooding will actually be accomplished. This is not to say that we don't have good people in County government - we do and I thank them for their efforts. Thank you for allowing me a place to comment.

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Amy Graves  
Self/no occupation outside of the home - husband works in the oil & gas industry  
Houston, TX

My husband and I give our full support for this bill!! We lived in Kingwood for 23 years and moved after Hurricane Harvey after we saw the dam release in Conroe that flooded and completely devastated many of our friends' homes. We supported the bond that was passed in 2018 and are horrified to learn that in six years, only \$230 has been spent to help Kingwood!! This is outrageous and everyone on the Harris County Commissioner's court and in the HCFCFCD should be fired!! Many people lost their entire lives and went bankrupt from what happened in Kingwood and there are many ways to protect the people who still live there if these bonds were used properly. Please pass this bill to help the residents in Kingwood. We got annexed by the City of Houston back in the 90's and honestly, I don't think there have been any significant benefits other than Kingwood residents' taxes increased and the residents see no added value out of all they pay!! The lack of help from these bonds to this community is a complete SHAME and if things don't change, the voters will never pass another bond like this again in the future.

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Gerard Michel  
self  
KLingwood, TX

I am in favor of passing this Bill. Please work to save Harris Co from the dissasterous reign of trhe current county Judge

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Glenn Meyer  
Self  
Cypress, TX

This is an important change that is needed to implement better flood control measures. Please vote yes.

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Barry Rava  
Self/President Icarus Oil and Gas, Inc.  
Houston, TX

This comment is in support of passage of HB 2068: I live along Buffalo Bayou (Terry Hershey Park) and have been a resident of Harris county for a very long time. Current management of the Flood Control District has been terrible. The District takes in more than Harris county and I believe can be better managed by state-level personnel that can more fairly judge inter-county decisions.

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Daniel McGinnis  
Self / Retired  
Kingwood, TX

I strongly support passage of HB 2068. The governance of our watersheds in the greater Houston area and the management of flooding has been profoundly incompetent in past years. This governance is entirely politically driven and relies on metrics that have little to do with flooding. Please approve this bill.

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Danel Monroe, Mrs.  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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Alison Harrell  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I strongly agree with the bill.

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Robert Harrell  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

We need to prevent flooding in our area.

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William Gilliam  
Self  
Houston, TX

I support HB 2068

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Thomas Saunders  
Self  
Houston, TX

Too little has been done in the Kingwood area. We need change! I support HB2068.

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L isamadon  
Self  
Houston, TX

I support Bill HB 2068.

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Boyd Fisher, Mr  
Self, Pastor  
pasadena, TX

We support HB 2068. As 30+ year residents of Pasadena, my wife and I were very reluctant to entrust local government with so much money in the bond referendum of 2018, but with the opportunity for state and federal matching funds and with the obvious need for improvements, we clinched our teeth and voted for it. Looks like our fears and concerns were justified. It took us 4 years to get \$5k out of Project Recovery. We support house bill 2068 as an effort to try to save just a little bit of the unspent money for actual flood control and not for creating new bloated government studies and bureaucracies.

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FRANK GIROLAMO  
None  
Humble, TX

I live in Kingwood and flooded during Harvey. After 7 years I feel we have been neglected after far as preventing future flooding. We should have representative from our area to speak and support our area, not commissars who look at our area as a rich neighbor, don't need help and uses us as only a source for income to be used elsewhere. We need local representation.

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Donna Dancey  
self  
Humbllle, TX

I support HB 2068. We are a family that was flooded during Hurricane Harvey. Our home is located on Lake Houston.

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Angel Landgrover  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Many of the people living in and around the greater Houston area are under represented by the Harris County Commissioners Court when it comes to flood relief and mitigation. Living in the Kingwood area I have seen that firsthand. I support HB2068 as it would allow all in the greater Houston area to be better represented and heard.

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Sheryl Winter  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill! Please help correct this injustice to Kingwood!!! I had four feet of water in my house from Harvey and never want to go through that again!!

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Frances Avery  
Bob Rehak  
Kingwood, TX

I live in the San Jacinto watershed and have lost an entire house, a second house has been torn down, and the house I currently live in flooded during Harvey. I support HR 2068.

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Marla Gilliam  
Self  
Houston, TX

I support this initiative.

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John Thurmond  
self  
Kingwood, TX

I strongly support HB2068.

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Jason Templeton  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill! Kingwood is known as flood wood for a reason. This bill makes critical steps to resolving some of the challenges and issues faced in the HAK area.

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Vicente Garcia  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support the creation of this district to fund the maintenance of Lake Houston. Folks in my community of Kingwood are counting on this work taking place to keep our families and businesses safe.

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fabrizio trilli  
Self Business Owner  
Hunters Creek, TX

We don't need to create complex structures. We need to have a short line and take action immediately

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Samuel Unruh  
Self/accountant  
Humble, TX

I support this bill for improved flood management for Harris county and the surrounding area.

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Kathy Hasten  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

We need this now. We support it because flooding does not respect political boundaries. HB2068 bridges those boundaries.

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Beatriz Cannon  
Self  
Houston, TX

It is inconceivable that we cannot even trust the elected authorities to do their job, Flood Control!!!! A no brainer!!! Harris County needs Flood Control to be taken seriously. It's a must. Please support HB 2068 – this bill is important,

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alice franklin  
self/home owner  
kingwood, TX

I AM A CONCERNED HOME OWNER AND FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL!!

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Leslie Price  
self, retired  
Houston, TX

I support HB 2068. Much has changed since 1937 when HCFD was created. Be progressive: understand where voters now live, many outside of the county. Trust the science: water doesn't follow political boundaries, our management of same must expand beyond the political. Support the environment: flood control should focus on waterways, and how to support people, plants, and animals to maximum benefit, independent of narrow or short term political demands. In 1937 the only entity capable of handling flood control was the county structure. We have grown incredibly since then. The county should focus on county needs. Our flood control issues are much larger now as our population and industry are larger, it is long past time for flood control to be moved into its own entity, focused on the waterways themselves rather than the narrow, arbitrary borders of a county.

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Becky Offenbacher  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill. It is mandatory that HB 2068 advance in order to establish effective, appropriate flood control of this area.

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Robin Seydewitz  
Self retired homeowner of 41 years in same location  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill! Repeat flooding due to lack of updated flood criteria and multi county coordination is devastating to our subdivisions locally.

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Mark Micheletti  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill. Harris County is not looking out for all of its citizens when deciding how and where to spend dollars for flood mitigation.

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Gaylyn DeVine  
DeVine Promotions, Business Owner, Houston, Harris County  
Pearland, TX

I am a Harris County resident and small business owner, and I fully support HB 2068. Commissioners Court has failed to address and correct the flooding issues in Harris County and instead have played politics. Flood planning should not be a political issue and we deserve better planning across the district for everyone who lives here.

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Sharon Mize  
Self; retired  
Kingwood, TX

I strongly support HB2068. Particularly as shown by the events of the last decade, the Harris County Commissioners Court has shown that it is unwilling and unable to properly address the area's flooding issues. Most of the Commissioners, including the current County Judge, have shown that they are concerned solely and only with their own district and not with the county or the region as a whole. In order for the flooding issues to be resolved, the governing body must look to the causes and effects whether in or out of Harris County. The funding should go to projects that will have the most benefit for the county and region, and not just to a few Commissioners constituents. With the population growth and property development that has taken place in the surrounding counties, the causes of flooding in Harris County have to a large extent moved outside of the County. HB2068 would provide a system and process that would allow the Flood Control District to adequately address those causes. For these reasons, I urge the Committee to vote in favor of HB2068.

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JAY SVENSON  
SELF  
KINGWOOD, TX

YOU MUST SUPPORT PASSING HB2068, I AM A KINGWOOD RESIDENT TIRED OF FLOODING, THE CAUSES ARE MANY, WHOEVER IS IN CONTROL OF THE SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY SHOULD BE FORCED TO LIVE ON IT TO SEE JUST HOW BAD THE SITUATION IS AND HOW BAD THE ABUSERS ARE DESTROYING THE SURROUNDINGS.

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Milan Saunders  
Plains State bank  
Kingwood, TX

I support House Bill 2068

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Neil Bremner  
Individual  
Houston, TX

I live in Harris County and support this bill.

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Fred Mitchell  
self  
Humble, TX

I support this bill and hope that you will support and pass it out of committee. It needs to be enacted!

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Stephen Fetterman  
self  
Kingwood, TX

Governance/management of the HCFD is broken. We need an unbiased governance board to lead this organization. I support this bill.

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kevin whited  
self  
Waller, TX

I support this legislation.

Under progressive leadership, Harris County has transformed HCFCD into a politicized/patronage operation. Moreover, the issue involves managing a watershed that extends beyond the county level. The lege needs to take charge and address both issues and ensure residents in harm's way get the drainage relief they deserve.

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Theunis Myburg  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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Marsha Bujnoch  
Self/  
Houston, TX

Please remove flood control from commissioner's court and let it be under a regional entity. Flood control will ultimately be better managed.

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Jennifer Hundl  
Self  
Houston, TX

I support this.

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Mark Hunter  
Self  
Houston, TX

I support HB 2068

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earl hale  
self home owner  
kingwood, TX

Please support HB 2068. All effected counties should be included

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Charles Campbell  
Dr. Charles Campbell  
KINGWOOD, TX

I support this bill

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Candace DeMarque  
Self, Citizen, resident of Kingwood  
Kingwood, TX

HOUSTON Residents (that live in Kingwood) need HB 2068 to progress. It is vital to the community. It would change the governing structure and jurisdiction of our present Harris County Flood Control District to be more responsive to the needs of ALL the surrounding counties adversely affected by flooding.

Having the state's only flood control district focusing primarily on the area inside Beltway 8 no longer serves the needs of the region.

For instance, in the San Jacinto watershed, an area half again as large as Harris County drains past Kingwood. Yet Kingwood has received only \$230 in capital improvement construction projects from HCFCF. Ever.

But during Harvey, Kingwood also had the highest flooding in the county. And it has flooded several times since then.

Meanwhile, eight other watersheds favored by certain Harris County Commissioners have received more than \$740 million...just since 2018.

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Donald McAdams, Mr.  
Self. Retired.  
Bellaire, TX

I strongly support HB 2068. The Harris County Court has mismanaged just about everything it touches. Please take flood control away from it. Donald R. McAdams

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Christopher Collum  
Self  
KINGWOOD, TX

As a Kingwood resident, I support this bill and a re-evaluation of how bond money is allocated within HCFCF's current territory.

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George Missetzis, Mr  
Self - Retired  
Humble, TX

#### VOICING OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 2068

We own a lake-front house on Lake Houston. In 2017 as a result of Hurricane Harvey we had 39 inches of water flood our home and destroy everything inside as well as our lives. I am in my 80's and my wife in her 70's and I don't believe we would survive physically or mentally another similar episode.

Since then we have been promised improvements to prevent this from happening again without much progress being made especially with the construction of more gates at the lake Houston dam.

The San Jacinto watershed, an area half again as large as Harris County drains past Kingwood. Yet Kingwood has received only \$230 in capital improvement construction projects from HCFCF. Ever, despite the fact that during Harvey, Kingwood also had the highest flooding in the county. And it has flooded several times since then.

Meanwhile, eight other watersheds favored by certain Harris County Commissioners have received more than \$740 million...just since 2018 and moreover HCFCF under the leadership of Harris County Commissioners Court refuses to release comparative flood risk data in their possession.

HB 2068 would enable the reconstituted District to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together.

We beg you to pass HB 2068  
Thank you.  
George and Anne Missetzis

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James Martin  
Self sales executive  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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Mark Janzer  
Self - Professional Civil Engineer (TX)  
Houston, TX

I'm a practicing Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Texas. Most of my project experience has been related to stormwater management engineering, in and around Harris County. I strongly support this bill for many of the reasons it's proponents have made clear. In addition, the FEMA community rating for Harris County is at 7, which only provides for a 15% discount to flood policy holders. Under better and enlightened management, a more favorable community rating could be achieved and more savings could be provided to flood policy holders in the region.

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Wayne Dolcefimo  
Dolcefimo Media  
Houston, TX

I support this bill

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Jeannie Mallick  
self  
Spring, TX

I support this bill

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Helen Merryman  
Self retired  
Tomball, TX

I support this bill. I know what it's like to have rising water into my home. This has been going on way too long. We can't wait for another event to prove what we already know will happen.

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Lauren Blackburn  
Self / Enterprise Governance Specialist  
Kingwood, TX

Fair representation and strict governance for HCFD is urgently needed for promoting ethical decisions on projects and funding. Harris County is now so large and without sufficient standards that likelihood for corruption and misappropriation is high risk. Significant caution should be employed over this county and city of Houston's often short-sighted, corrupt and self-serving and its citizens are bearing burden for poor, ineffective governance. Follow the money and institute more accountability. This bill is a first of several steps.

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Cody Huff  
Self  
Huffman, TX

"I support this bill."

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Alan Smith  
Self/retired  
Kingwood, TX

I support HB2068

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Linda Bogert  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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William Koerner  
Self  
KINGWOOD, TX

Strongly support this legislation. Flooding is a regional problem, needs regional solutions. Current management by Harris County is not producing results, and has wrong priorities.

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Jennifer Walker  
self  
Kingwood, TX

HB2068 would enable the reconstituted district to serve all people of the river basin and give them a way to address their flooding issues together. As a resident of Kingwood, Texas we were personally impacted with 4 feet of water in our home. It is critical that we continue to support systems and plans that ensure homes, schools and businesses are protected from future flooding. Every area of Harris County should be supported in this endeavor. It is imperative that we to release comparative flood risk data in order to make educated and impactful decisions for all.

Thank you for you time and consideration in this matter.

Jennifer Walker

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Brad Hudak  
Self - Consultant  
Kingwood, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL - PASS IT

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Sarah Wakefield  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

Resources should not be allocated based upon race. Replace the Harris County Commissioners court.

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john blount  
self Civil Engineer  
Houston, TX

I support this House Bill because flooding knows no political borders. As the former County Engineer of Harris County, I know that many of the county's flooding problems must be addressed regionally. This legislation proposes a solution to that issue. Having spent 34 years in Harris County Government, I know the issue well. I urge the passage of this Bill to protect the public and property in Harris County..

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Alan Derby  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

My house flooded during the Harvey Hurricane. It would not have flooded if my area within Kingwood had representation on the San Jacinto River Authority. The last minute decision by the SJRA to release water to preserve the dam caused my house to flood. It is my belief that better planning of the San Jacinto water would have prevented my house from flooding. Because the decision makers were more focused on their portion of the river, many Kingwood homes suffered. I believe that a regional management approach would cause better decisions to be made in the future. Please consider this bill (HB2068).

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Kristy Cochran  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill

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David Chisum  
Self  
Humble, TX

Flooded twice. Never flooded before. Since 1978. No cleanout of storm drains or any help. No Fema. No insurance do to not previously being in a 100 year flood plain. Had to pay repairs out of pocket over 10k. This has to stop. Now disabled and cannot afford another flood. Thanks

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Estela Campbell, Mrs  
Self  
Pearland, TX

I'm in support of this bill. Please pass it.

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Janice Costa, Mrs.  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill because it is necessary to protect the homes, lives, and businesses of thousands of people.

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Greg Lakin  
Self  
Cypress, TX

As a resident whose home flooded as a result of Hurricane Harvey, my area of Cypress was promised substantial flood control improvements under the professionally developed plan initially approved by the flood control district in 2018/2019. These plans were changed with the change to a Democrat majority of Commissioners Court. The changes were implemented based on a formula that has nothing to do with the original plan. New plan is predicated upon cronyism and kleptocracy. This can be seen by reviewing the original project plan completion dates. There should be approximately 100 completed projects. There are only 20 completed projects to date. Please remove the Flood Control District from Harris County Commissioners Court's Jurisdiction . These folks have allowed the massive development in the Cypress Creek creek shed post Hurricane Harvey. Unless these projects are completed as originally developed, there will be massive flooding in NW Harris County that will make Harvey look like child's play and will destroy the appeal of this portion of Harris County.  
Thank you for your consideration.

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Nancy Derby  
Kingwood Resident who flooded in Harvey  
Kingwood, TX

Please pass HB2068

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Johnny McDaniel  
Self  
Kingwood, TX

I support this bill!

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David Seitzinger  
SELF  
KINGWOOD, TX

I SUPPORT THIS BILL TO PROTECT ALL THOSE IN THE WATERSHED!!!

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Lawrence Schwartz  
self  
Houston, TX

This is truly a sad takeover of an agency run by Harris County to benefit legislators outside of Harris County. HCFCD has been run successfully for all of its history and needs to continue that. By throwing out the oversight and taking it over with a state agency they will lose their responsiveness to the 4 million + residents of Harris County. Senator Bettencourt has sought to undermine the effectiveness of the elected Harris County Commissioners Court since it became led by a Democrat. They are insanely jealous and targeting the only county within Texas, again. It is pure maliciousness and not an improvement in how they operate and effectively use funds to protect Harris County residents from flooding events. Vote against this bill and similar ones as they are only revengeful in their essence and do not serve the good of the people.

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