



*"We have to get serious about being resilient and we have to get serious on flood control."*

- **Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge & Fight Flooding PAC Chair**

### **WHY FIGHT FLOODING?**

83 lives and \$125 billion in economic losses—that is how much Hurricane Harvey impacted the Houston Region. It is not the first time. We were hit with 500-year storms in 2016 and 2017. We were hit by Allison and Ike. We will get hit again. The 500-year storm is the new 100-year storm.

We must fight back. Congress allocated \$141 billion in funding to help the country recover from major disasters—from Puerto Rico to California. We have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to fight flooding, improve our communities, and transform our region into a better place for all residents.

### **WHY DO WE NEED "PROP A" BOND FUNDING?**

Most of the funds allocated by Congress require a local match and are competitive. With \$2.5 billion in bond funds, Harris County's goal is to leverage federal funds to create \$10 billion in resiliency projects, including buyouts and detention. Federal funds are first come first serve. So, bonds help get federal funds here while they last, helping local flood victims and local taxpayers.

### **WHY HARRIS COUNTY?**

Harris County is the only local entity able to address regional flood issues. The Harris County Flood Control District is nationally recognized for its home buyout program and innovative flood control projects. The Flood Control District, Judge Emmett, and the County Commissioners are putting together a plan based on the best available data and research and from community input being collected from meetings in each of Harris County's 23 watersheds. Harris County can get federal funds and start projects that we need to fight flooding in 2018—if the bond passes.

### **WHAT WILL "PROP A" COST TAXPAYERS AND WHAT DO THEY GET?**

Taxpayers will see no more than a 1.4 % increase in their property taxes and these funds will be dedicated to capital flood control and resiliency projects. Harris County would sell the \$2.5 billion in Prop A bonds over 10-15 years, so the overall tax increase will increase slowly over time and will ultimately be no more than 2-3 cents per \$100 of home valuation. The Commissioners Court has pledged to spend funds through a process that involves and reflects community input.

### **WHY GIVE TO FIGHT FLOODING?**

Fight Flooding is a political action committee raising funds to inform voters about why we must act now. Your support helps ensure that people vote for Prop A on August 25<sup>th</sup>, so we can improve our community's resilience and start buyouts and critical flood control projects now. If our community shows strong support for this bond, it will galvanize our leaders to keep fighting for funds in Washington and in Austin and help adjoining counties see the need for action.

If we lose this bond election, businesses and families will consider whether to locate in a city that floods. This is a fight for our safety, reputation, and future. With your help, we can win.

Learn more at: [www.fightflooding.org](http://www.fightflooding.org) and [www.hcfdc.org/bond-program/](http://www.hcfdc.org/bond-program/)



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