



Dear Citizens,

I ask for your support in voicing your opinion on a very important matter that affects the City of Nassau Bay and the surrounding communities.

The Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District's (GCCPRD) is completing a state government funded Storm Surge Protection study for our region. The purpose of this study is to analyze the feasibility of protecting our region from storm surge and flood damages. The initial Coastal Spine concept recommended by Dr. Bill Merrell with Texas A&M at Galveston is the preferred option and Phase 2 of the study presents alternative options that are not aligned with the region's best interests. The Phase 2 Report can be found online at www.gccprd.com.

The proposed Central Region Alternative Design #1 (CR#1) is a coastal spine that would extend from High Island to San Luis Pass. This alternative option offers the greatest protection for our entire region and is our preferred alternative design in the report.

The second alternative (CR#2) would offer protection to the City of Galveston and portions of the west side of Galveston Bay but does not protect upper portions of the bay and the ship channel. While the study has taken many factors into consideration and presents this option as a lower cost option, we believe that it fails to offer enough protection and does not fully address the financial and economic impacts of this option. We believe that this option could potentially bring more harm from storm surges and have greater negative economic impacts for our community and the surrounding cities.

We ask that you please join us making our voices heard on this important issue at the public hearing on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 6:00-8:00pm at the League City Civic Center located at 400 West Walker Street in League City, Texas. If you are unable to attend, you can email your comments to info@gccprd.com or by mail to Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District, c/o Col. Christopher Sallese, 3100 West Alabama St., Houston, Texas 77098.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark Denman
City of Nassau Bay