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Agency: TEXAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I have a question and really hope someone can advise me and the public as to what appears to be recent changes in the real estate market after Hurricane Harvey.

Why is it that it seems the number of foreclosures and homes that are for sale or now sale or rent in areas of Texas that flooded during Harvey seem to be a secret?

I've worked in Real Estate for or 12 years in the States of California and Texas and have a passion for the concept of home so much that I've been going to school seeking a business degree and hopefully start my own company.

Even with my own home flooding in Harvey I continued to stay the course in school. The recovery to flooded areas and to the families of lower and middle class citizens is slow and has left beautiful neighborhoods like ghost towns. But what is missing from the families is the way the banks and realitors seem to work very closely with each other.

Even a year after websites may call some homes flooded or foreclosures but I know of some homes that were foreclosures and then suddenly the house was unavaliable. About 2 months ago that same house was updated on Zillow (home I was interested in) as a pre foreclosure sail pending) and then sold.

How and why is this happening? I understand that a neighborhood riddled with forsale signs/ foreclosures can have a huge impact on consumer confidence and can lead to and help accelerate problems such as the housing crises that started in 2006 and snowballed into all areas of the economy by 2007 and 2008.

I hope someone can answer more than this question or has answers to others I have or at least point me in the right direction.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I would like someone to impose zoning laws and make sure that we solve the hard lesson of Harvey of what happens when you over build with out proper infrastructure and planning. I'm more worried today because of the amount of building going on and home sales to buy new because of a flood stigma and nothing actually done to make living in the Texas area even more dangerous.

Dredging only sections of the bayou and not the whole system changes the original design of operation.

Yes Harvey was extreme and 500 year flood if you really believe that, but less than a year before Harvey the tax day flooding was alarming and disastrous to neighborhoods like "canyon Gate" in Katy Tx.

All this building and no regard to known problems will only cost more money and more importantly lives. Please use the 12 billion in Texas's rainy day fund and make proper use of undergoing massive environmental and infrastructure projects.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree