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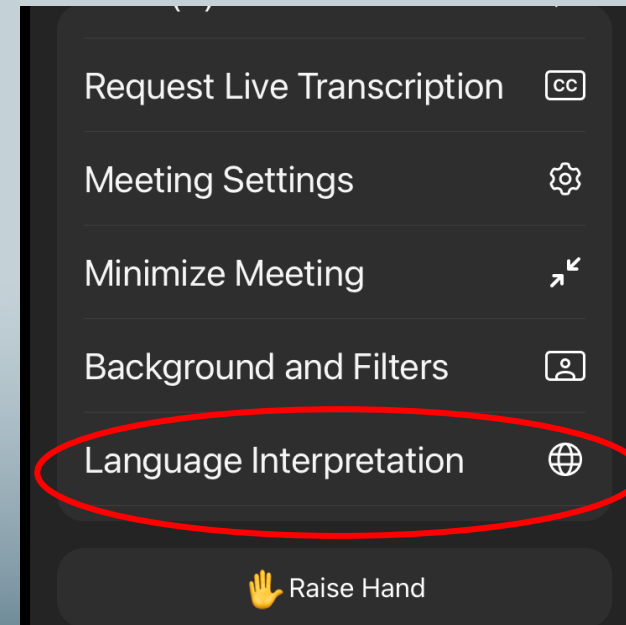
# **H-GAC METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION Amendment**

## **Public Hearing on Reallocation of Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery Funds for Local Infrastructure Projects**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

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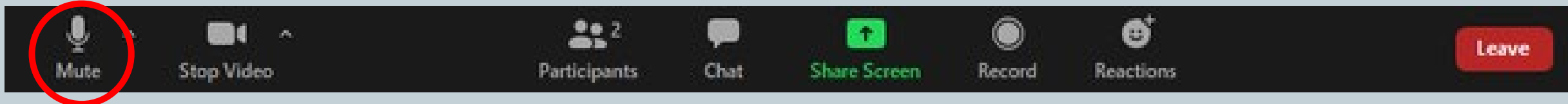
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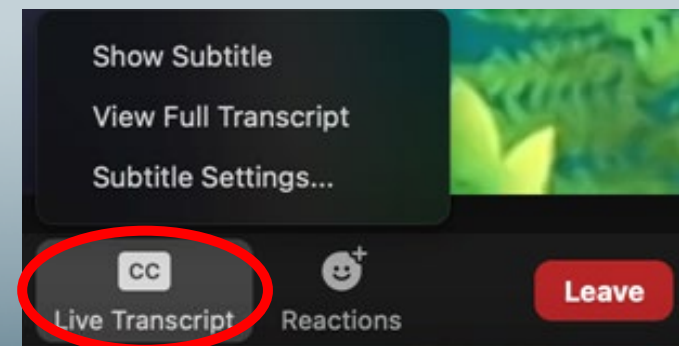
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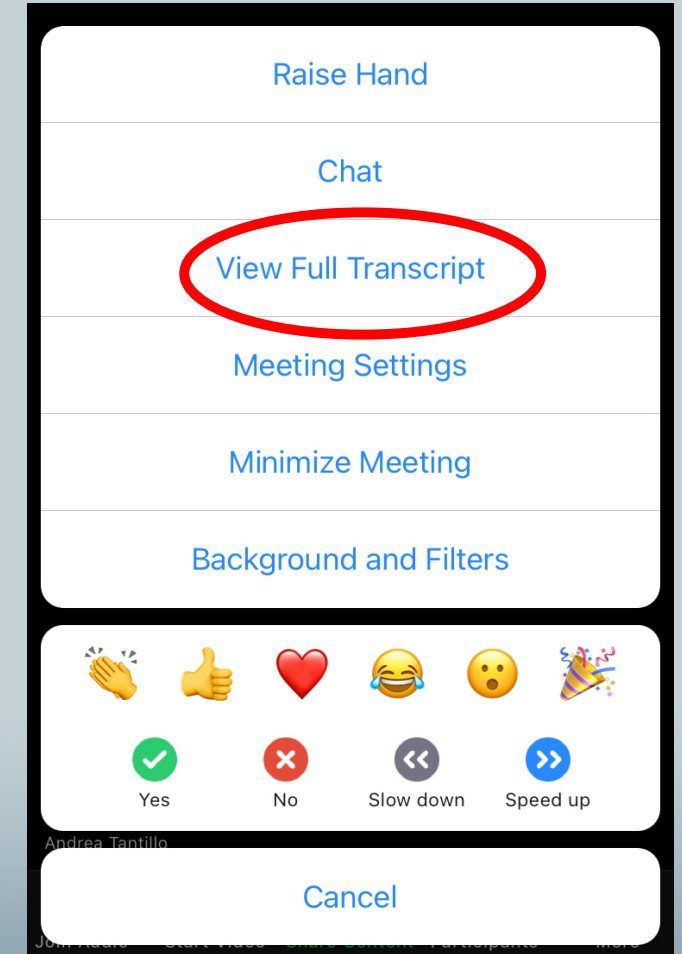
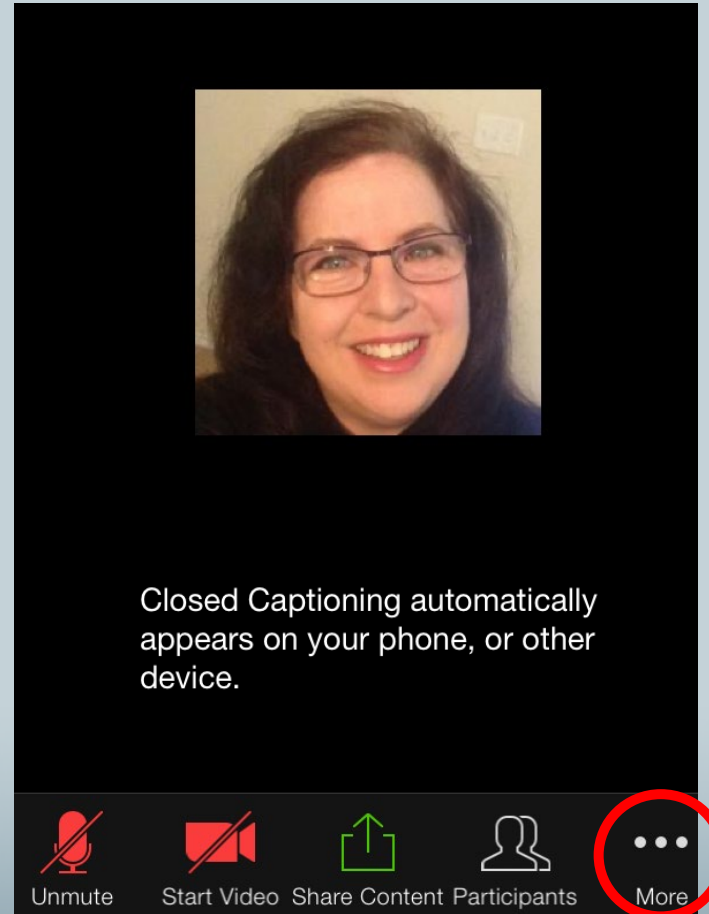


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**H-GAC staff members will not be able to answer questions or respond to comments during this hearing.**

**Comments will be made in the order received.**

# Welcome.

**The Houston-Galveston Area Council is the thirteen-county Council of Governments serving as a regional planning organization for the Houston-Galveston area of the Upper Texas Gulf Coast.**



**Justin Bower  
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# Background – Hurricane Harvey Response

- Hurricane Harvey caused unprecedented damage to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) region
- Federal response included a 2018 allocation of \$130M in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds for Local Infrastructure projects through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
  - Separate from recent 2022 CDBG-Mitigation discussions
  - Texas General Land Office (GLO) manages these funds
  - H-GAC helped GLO determine how these funds should be allocated in our region



# Background – Developing a Method of Distribution

- H-GAC worked with local governments and community members to develop a **Method of Distribution (MOD)** for these Local Infrastructure funds. The MOD is a plan that:
  - Allocates funding to eligible entities (cities and counties)
  - Sets eligible uses (flood infrastructure, utilities, etc.)
  - Describes requirements for the funding (70% Low-and-Moderate Income population benefit, etc.)
- Harris County and Houston got separate allocations; GLO did not include them in this MOD.

# Reallocating Unused Funds

- When it approved the MOD, the H-GAC Board agreed on a method for reallocating potential declined/de-obligated funds
  - Reallocation methodology was not formally approved or disapproved by GLO; not part of MOD yet
- \$2.3 million in funds were declined or de-obligated from 10 communities and now need to be reallocated
- H-GAC needs to formally amend the MOD to reallocate these funds, using the Board's previously agreed-upon reallocation methodology

# Reallocation Methodology

- Funds declined or de-obligated would first be offered to the city's respective County
- If one or more of the Counties declined the funds, they would subsequently be offered to an established hierarchy of local governments
- The hierarchy was prioritized by the percentage of units claiming damage within their identified damage area (minimum of 5,000 units damaged)

# Funds to Reallocate

Community	Funds	County
San Felipe	\$182,360	Austin
Bailey's Prairie	\$210,679	Brazoria
Arcola	\$171,400	Fort Bend
Richmond	\$219,160	Fort Bend
Stafford	\$132,567	Fort Bend
Sugar Land	\$417,341	Fort Bend
Weston Lakes	\$246,834	Fort Bend
Riverside	\$106,901	Walker
Waller (City)	\$295,549	Waller
Manvel	\$322,714	Brazoria
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,305,505</b>	

# 1) County of Origin

County	Funding
Austin	\$182,360
Brazoria	\$533,393
Fort Bend	\$1,187,302
Walker	\$106,901
Waller	\$295,549
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,305,505</b>

# 2) Damage Hierarchy

Rank	Entity	Rank	Entity
1	Dickinson	8	Brazoria County
2	Wharton County	9	Colorado County
3	Chambers County	10	Waller County
4	La Marque	11	Fort Bend County
5	Liberty County	12	Austin County
6	Galveston County	13	Montgomery County
7	Matagorda County	14	Walker County



**If one or more counties decline funding**



# Public Comment

Public comment period on this amendment open through 5 PM, 12/15/2022. Opportunities for comment include:

- This formal **Public Hearing**
- By **online form**
- By **email** at [harveymodcomments@h-gac.com](mailto:harveymodcomments@h-gac.com)
- By **phone** at 1-877-442-2777
- By **mail** at Houston-Galveston Area Council, Attn: Cheryl Mergo, P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77227-2777
- **In person** at Houston-Galveston Area Council Offices, 3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77227
- More information at [www.h-gac.com/hurricane-harvey-recovery/cdbg-disaster-funds](http://www.h-gac.com/hurricane-harvey-recovery/cdbg-disaster-funds)

# Next Steps

- Following the public comment period, H-GAC will provide all comments to the Board of Directors, who will consider it and take action on the proposed amendment
- GLO will review and approve the proposed amendment
- The funding recipients will work directly with GLO to develop and implement projects

***We are now taking  
your formal public  
comment.***

# ***Good evening.***

The presentation portion of the public hearing has concluded but we are still here and available to take your formal public comment.

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