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2020 SEP 14 AM 11:59  
CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

Toby Baker, Executive Director  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78741

Re: City of Corpus Christi Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit applications WQ0005289000 and WQ0005290000, as well as Water Rights Permit applications WRPERM 13675 and WRPERM 13676.

Dear Director Baker,

I respectfully request a public meeting regarding Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) and Water Rights Permit applications from the City of Corpus Christi for the planned Inner Harbor Desalination Plant as well as the La Quinta Channel Desalination Facility.

It is important TCEQ acquires comments from the public regarding various issues; including: safety measures to be utilized during construction, how the projects would affect nearby residents' daily lives, as well as what affect, if any, the projects will have on the environment. A public meeting would help ensure everyone is fully informed of the projects' status, the precautions being taken to protect neighbors, as well as how TCEQ is confirming proper stewardship of the environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abel Herrero".

Abel Herrero  
State Representative, District 34

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June 10, 2021

Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk  
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P.O. Box 13087  
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TEXAS  
COMMISSION  
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2021 JUN 25 AM 10:08  
CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

Dear Ms. Gharis:

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May God bless you.

Very truly yours,

Judith Zaffirini  
State Senator, District 21

J.M. Lozano  
State Representative, District 43

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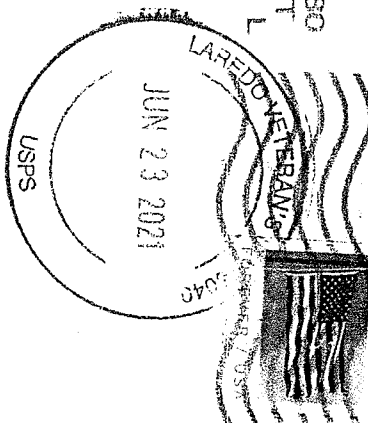
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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

June 17, 2021

The Honorable J.M. Lozano  
Texas House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: City of Corpus Christi / Application No. 13675

Dear Representative Lozano:

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The Office of the Chief Clerk will facilitate the public meeting and are available to answer any questions the public may have concerning the virtual meeting or telephone option prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 239-3900 or Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk, at (512) 239-3300.

Sincerely,

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Toby Baker  
Executive Director

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## Melissa Schmidt

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**From:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-WWW-WRAS; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2;  
PUBCOMMENT-OPIC  
**Cc:** Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from Sen. Zaffirini, Rep. Lozano re Water Rights Permit No. 13675  
**Attachments:** Letter. TCEQ. Public Meeting Request. Gharis. City of Corpus Christi Water Rights Permit..pdf

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**From:** Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 9:57 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Cc:** Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>; Deornette Monteleone <Deornette.Monteleone@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from Sen. Zaffirini, Rep. Lozano re Water Rights Permit No. 13675

**From:** Ferrell Fields <Ferrell.Fields@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 9:51 AM  
**To:** Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>; Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from Sen. Zaffirini, Rep. Lozano re Water Rights Permit No. 13675

Please see the attached letter requesting a public meeting...thank you.

Ferrell Fields Damen  
Director, Intergovernmental Relations Division  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
512-239-1882 (O)  
512-970-2143 (C)

**From:** Iris Guerrero <Iris.Guerrero@senate.texas.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 2:45 PM  
**To:** Ferrell Fields <Ferrell.Fields@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter from Sen. Zaffirini, Rep. Lozano re Water Rights Permit No. 13675

Good afternoon Mr. Fields,

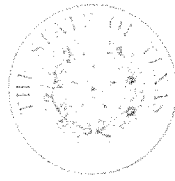
Attached is a letter from Senator Zaffirini and Representative Lozano to request a public meeting.

A hard copy will be sent as well.

Thank you,

Iris Guerrero, District Office Director

Office of Senator Judith Zaffirini  
Senate District 21  
1407 Washington St.  
P.O. Box 627  
Laredo, TX  
956/722-2293



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