

State of Texas

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County of Harris

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Supplemental Declaration of Art Acevedo

I, ART ACEVEDO, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct:

My name is Art Acevedo; I am over the age of eighteen and capable of making this declaration. I am the Chief of Police for the City of Houston. Recently, the City of Houston was devastated by the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. As the rain waters poured into the City, officers of the Houston Police Department, including me, assisted individuals who tried to escape the flood waters that consumed their homes and personal property and worked with groups that sheltered and assisted in rescuing them.

During the days that followed the initial flooding, in my capacity as Police Chief, I spoke with many immigrants, both legal and undocumented, as well as with numerous pastors that serve immigrant communities throughout Houston about their experiences before, during, and after the hurricane. Based upon those discussions, my personal observations, and long experience as a police officer, I have concluded that many immigrants in the Houston community feared going and, in fact, did not go to storm shelters or seek other assistance from governmental authorities or those working closely with such authorities, such as the Red Cross, because of their immigration status and the new requirements imposed by Senate Bill 4. These immigrants faced an impossible decision: to reach out to the police for help and risk possible deportation or to die or suffer serious injury in raging flood waters. No one should have to face such a choice. Yet many Houstonians did because of Senate Bill 4.

Executed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

  
ART ACEVEDO