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*City of Simonton*

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September 5, 2017

Dear Neighbor,

Over the last couple of days, I've had the chance to personally check on a few of you to make sure you and your loved ones were safe, and to check on immediate needs. I must admit it is hard to see our City suffering again so soon after last year's flooding, yet I am truly uplifted by the unwavering spirit so many of you have shown in the past few days.

I wanted to take a moment to first thank you for the way you responded when the mandatory evacuation was announced. The safety and security of every resident is my top priority, and I truly appreciated the prompt and orderly way you took action. I also appreciated your patience and understanding as we worked with State, County and local agencies to assess when it was safe for you to return.

I don't want to overlook the contributions of volunteers from Simonton and beyond who throughout the emergency did so much to help keep us safe, and to mitigate impacts from Hurricane Harvey. A heartfelt thank you to these fine men and women who stepped up in our time of great need.

As we now proceed with clean-up and remediation, your health, safety and security continues to be my top priority. Please be sure to refer to the 2017 Flood Recovery tab for information on returning to flooded homes, as well as debris separation and the flood damage permit application process. Working alongside City staff, we will continue to communicate information about availability of clean-up supplies, the curfew and security patrols, as well as assistance being offered by various agencies.

Please continue to look out for your personal safety, as well as the safety and well-being of your family and neighbors. Contact me or any member of the City Council if you have any questions or recommendations.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Boudreaux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lou" being more prominent and the last name "Boudreaux" following in a similar style.

Lou Boudreaux  
Mayor, City of Simonton