



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 28, 2020

Ms. Tanya Garfield  
Director  
Disaster Field Operations Center - West  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
P.O. Box 419004  
Sacramento, California 95841

Dear Ms. Garfield:

As a result of Hurricane Hanna, which occurred beginning on July 25, 2020, many homes and businesses were affected in Hidalgo County, Texas, creating an economic emergency for the residents of the county.

Pursuant to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 636(b)(2) and 13 C.F.R. § 123.3(a), I request that the Small Business Administration declare Hidalgo County a disaster area for the purpose of making long-term, low-interest rate physical disaster home and business loans, as well as economic injury disaster loans, available to citizens and businesses affected by the disaster. A preliminary survey indicates there are more than 34 homes and/or businesses in Hidalgo County that suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management, at (512) 424-2443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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Enclosure

**SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report\_State of Texas  
SBA (VIRTUAL DESKTOP) SURVEY**

Event: Hurricane Hanna  
DCMS: TX-00568

Incident Date: 7/25/2020 and cont.

SBA Survey Team:

Date of FEMA PDA Request: 7/29/2020  
Dates of FEMA PDA: 7/29 thru 8/19/2020  
Dates of SBA Survey Request: 8/20/2020  
Dates of SBA Survey: 8/20 thru 8/22/2020

**Overall Properties Affected**

COUNTY	MEETS SBA Criteria	TOTAL Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES			BUSINESSES /NON-PROFITS		
				MAJ	\$\$	MIN	MAJ	\$\$	MIN
Hidalgo	Yes	34	FINAL	31	497,000	121	3	45,400	0
State Totals	Yes	34	FINAL	31	497,000	121	3	45,400	0