

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH,
HI-WAY TABERNACLE, and
ROCKPORT FIRST ASSEMBLY OF
GOD,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY, WILLIAM
B. LONG, Administrator of the Federal
Emergency Management Agency,

Defendants.

Civil No. 4:17-cv-2662
Jury Demanded

THIRD DECLARATION OF PASTOR BRUCE STOKER

1. My name is Bruce Stoker. I am over the age of 21 and am capable of making this unsworn declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746. I have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving dishonesty, and the facts contained herein are within my personal knowledge.

2. I am the pastor of Hi-Way Tabernacle.

3. In Exhibit 1, I have attached true and correct copies of the emails I have received from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (“TDEM”) regarding Hi-Way’s Public Assistance (“PA”) grant application.

4. TDEM’s responses to Hi-Way’s PA grant application have asked for some additional information.

5. But at no time have I received any TDEM responses to Hi-Way's PA grant application stating that the application is incomplete because we have not yet submitted evidence that Hi-Way applied for a Small Business Administration loan.

6. Nonetheless, I have submitted an SBA loan application on behalf of Hi-Way Tabernacle. When I completed the online application on October 12, 2017, I received an SBA loan application number and was informed that my application had been successfully completed.

7. I understand that some PA grant applicants are already receiving funds, and that expedited PA grant funding has been offered to some applicants. My church has not received an offer for expedited PA grants.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 12, 2017.

/s/ Bruce Stoker
Bruce Stoker

Exhibit 1

From: "Taylor, Michelle D" <Michelle.Taylor@dps.texas.gov>

Date: September 27, 2017 at 12:41:35 PM CDT

To: "cwstoker@hotmail.com" <cwstoker@hotmail.com>

Subject: DR 4332 | <Hi-Way Tabernacle Assembly of God> | Additional Documentation Request

Greetings,

My name is Michelle Taylor and I am with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). In reviewing your Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for the Hurricane Harvey DR-(4332), the following information is needed to process your application:

- Request for Public Assistance (RPA) Form (attached) – Please fill out the alternate contact info on the RPA form. I attached the partially filled out form, for your convenience, and I attached a blank RPA form.
- Designation of Applicant's Agent (DAA) (attached)*
- Direct Deposit Authorization (DDA) (attached)*
- By-laws*
- Articles of Incorporation*
- Proof of Ownership or Lease*

Please complete and return the attached documents via email as soon as possible. We will continue processing your application once all requested information is received.

Thank you,

Michelle

Michelle Taylor, M.S.

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