

STATE OF TEXAS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 103

RAFAEL ANCHIA

MEMBER

March 9, 2005

The Honorable Laura Miller
Honorable Members of the Dallas City Council
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla St.
Dallas, TX 75201

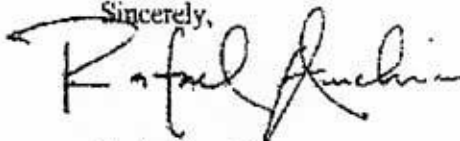
Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I am writing to inform you of my concerns regarding the proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir and its adverse effects to the Northeast Texas region. It is my understanding that the Dallas City Council is considering funding a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study of the proposed reservoir. Although I do not represent the area of Northeast Texas, my colleagues who do represent this area have expressed their concerns to me and have asked for my assistance in this matter. As you would expect, many of the constituents they represent are concerned because this project would take property from people who have owned land for generations, cause harm to their local ecology, and likely result in the loss of jobs.

As a strong believer in individual property rights, I am concerned over the thought of numerous families who have owned property for generations losing their land. Additionally, the loss of available hardwood from land taken out of production would adversely impact the timber industry.

Please understand that I am not against trying to meet the ever-growing needs of the Dallas Metroplex. I am confident that all interested parties can come to an agreement and meet the needs of their constituents. I would be glad to work with the City of Dallas and my colleagues to find a middle ground that will benefit all parties. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Rafael Anchia
State Representative
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