

STATEMENT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER, CHRIS HOLLINS



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Statement from Houston Controller Chris Hollins on Unanswered Information Request in Chris Brown Investigation

“For more than 100 days, the mayor has resisted my office’s effort to obtain basic records about a public employee paid with public dollars.

We should never have been forced to use the Public Information Act to get information from another City office. Even still, our requests remain outstanding—and the mayor is asking the Attorney General for permission to withhold records.

Now, instead of simply providing the facts, the mayor’s political consultants are flooding our office with retaliatory records requests that consume taxpayer time and resources. We will comply because we believe in transparency. But let’s be clear: this is politics, and it will not distract or intimidate us.

Our office has reached no conclusions about Mr. Brown’s employment. We are following the facts—but after months of delay, the mayor still refuses to provide them. We will continue doing our job until Houston taxpayers get the answers they deserve.”

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ABOUT CITY OF HOUSTON CONTROLLER’S OFFICE: Established in 1903, the City of Houston Controller’s Office is the cornerstone of financial oversight and accountability for America’s fourth-largest city. With a mission to uphold Houston’s fiscal integrity and protect residents’ tax dollars, the office oversees a broad spectrum of the City’s financial operations, including its budget, investments, and debts. Committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility, the Controller’s Office is key to maintaining the economic vitality of Houston, contributing to its status as a thriving metropolis for its diverse community.

ABOUT CONTROLLER CHRIS HOLLINS: Chris Hollins, serving as Houston’s City Controller since January 2024, brings a dynamic approach to City governance and financial management. With a rich background in legal practice and management consulting, coupled with innovative leadership as Harris County Clerk, Hollins is dedicated to enhancing the city’s fiscal practices and community engagement. Educated at Morehouse College, Yale Law School, and Harvard Business School, Hollins’s commitment to accountability and service

excellence drives his mission to build a financially resilient Houston. Residing in the Third Ward with his family, his work is deeply informed by his strong community ties.