The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing to amend the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The following Amendment to the Consolidated Plan and the CPP is necessary to add and update information to comply with new City policy and federal regulations. Such adjustments constitute a Substantial Amendment to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. In accordance with HUD’s CPP regulations, the City is required to amend components of its Consolidated Plan or CPP for a variety of reasons, including when changing allocation priorities or changing the method of distribution of funds.

Specifically, HCDD proposes to update the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan with information about Complete Communities, a new City-wide strategic effort to improve selected communities; and to add the five Complete Communities as local target areas. The Consolidated Plan will also be updated with information about disaster-related needs from the Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – 2015 Flood Events. Additionally, HCDD proposes to revise its CPP due to regulatory changes in the Final Rule published by HUD in December 2016, by adding organizations for consultation during Consolidated Plan and Action Plan development.

Documents relating to the above items, including exact text of proposed amendments, are available on HCDD’s website (www.houstontx.gov/housing/caper.html). The public has thirty (30) days to comment on these proposed items. The thirty-day period extends from Saturday, May 13, 2017 to Monday, June 12, 2017. For more information on these items, contact Mary Itz at (832) 394-6179. Written comments can be submitted by mail to Derek Sellers, HCDD, 601 Sawyer Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007. The proposed changes to both plans shall be made available in an accessible format upon request. Responses to public comments will be available upon completion of the amendments. Following the public comment period, this item will be submitted to City Council for approval.

For more information on HCDD and its programs, you may access HCDD’s website at www.houstontx.gov/housing. For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Royce Sells at (832) 394-6240.