

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is proposing an Assignment by the Re-Center, formally known as The Men's Center Incorporated, to and assumption by The Harris Center for Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Harris Center) of all the Re-Center's rights and obligations under an existing loan (Loan) between the City and Re-Center.

The Loan provided \$3,000,000.00 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds to the Re-Center for the construction costs for the property located at 1104 Alabama St., Houston, TX 77004 (Property), within Council District D. The Loan required certain restrictions to be placed on the Property regarding usage as affordable housing for a period of 20 years. Upon construction completion the Re-Center operated the Property as a homeless housing program.

On April 22, 2024, The Re-Center entered into a management agreement with Harris Center, wherein the Harris Center agreed to take over the operations of the program services at the Property. Additionally, The Re-Center agreed to sell the Property to Harris Center. In conjunction with this sale, Harris Center will assume the existing loan between the Re-Center and the City, with some modifications to the existing usage restrictions.

The City and Harris Center have agreed to reduce the number of restricted units from 31 to 24; provided that all 64 units will be at or below 60% of the Area Medium Income (AMI). Additionally, the restricted units may be used by individuals and families suffering from both homelessness and behavioral health issues.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed item. The thirty-day period extends from Thursday, September 26, 2024 through Saturday, October 26, 2024. Upon completion of the 7-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to City Council.

For additional information on this item, contact Estrella Colon at (281) 726-5006. Written comments can be submitted by email to Estrella.Colon@houstontx.gov.

For specific questions or concerns about fair housing or landlord/tenant relations, please contact Yolanda Guess-Jeffries at (832) 394-6200 ext 1. For any information about our Complaints and Appeals Process, please access the following: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/complaints.html> and <https://houstontx.gov/housing/appeals.html>. For more information about HCDD and its programs, please access HCDD's website at www.houstontx.gov/housing.