

## Public Notice

The City of Houston ("City"), through its Housing and Community Development Department ("HCDD"), is issuing a public notice in response to a conflict of interest matter. Michael Nichols is employed as the Director of the City's Housing and Community Development Department and as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Houston Housing Finance Corporation ("HHFC").

HHFC received Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Initiative ("CDBG-EDI") funds in the form of a loan evidenced by a certain Note, Deed of Trust, and other loan documents ("City EDI Loan") to acquire land from the City and construct a grocery store to serve low-and moderate-income citizens within Council District D. The City and HHFC now propose to modify the City EDI Loan by converting the repayment terms to those of a performance-based loan. No additional funds will be appropriated with this loan modification.

HCDD is filing a request with the United States Housing and Urban Development Department for an exception to the conflict of interest prohibition under 24 CFR 570.611(d), provided that the recipient of funds, has satisfactorily met the threshold requirements as follows:

- A disclosure of the nature of the conflict, accompanied by an assurance that there has been public disclosure and a description of how the public disclosure was made; and
- An opinion of the City's attorney that the interest for which the exception is sought would not violate state or local law.

For additional information on the HCDD Conflict of Interest Policy, contact Kennisha London via email at [Kennisha.London@houstontx.gov](mailto:Kennisha.London@houstontx.gov). Upon completion of the public disclosure, HCDD will submit the request for the approval of the conflict of interest exception.

For specific questions or concerns about 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](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing).