

Public Notice

The City of Houston (City) through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) is proposing an Assignment by The Men's Center Incorporated, a Texas nonprofit corporation, now known as Recenter ("Recenter"), to and assumption by, The Harris Center for Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, a Community Center and Agency of the State of Texas ("Harris Center"), of all the Recenter's rights and obligations under an existing loan (Loan) between the City and Recenter. No additional City funding will be required for this action.

On July 14, 2018, the City approved a Loan to Recenter and provided \$3,394,207.00 of Homeless and Housing Consolidated Bond funds and \$605,793.00 of TIRZ Affordable Housing funds for construction of a 62-unit supportive housing facility located at 3809 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002 ("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 10 years. Upon construction completion the Recenter operated the Property as a homeless housing program for men and women recovering from addiction.

On April 22, 2024, Recenter 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, Recenter agreed to sell the Property to Harris Center. In conjunction with this sale, Harris Center will assume the existing loan between Recenter and the City, with some modifications to the existing usage restrictions.

The City and Harris Center have agreed that the number of restricted units will be 13, out of which the rent for 10 units will not exceed 30% of the adjusted income of a household whose income is less than 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and the rent for 3 units will not exceed 30% of the adjusted income of a household whose income is less than 50% of the AMI. In addition, the restricted units may be used by individuals and families suffering from both homelessness and behavioral health issues.

The public has seven (7) days to comment on this proposed item. The seven-day period extends from Saturday, October 5, 2024, through Saturday, October 12, 2024. Upon completion of the seven-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to City Council.

For additional information on this item, contact Estrella Colon at (832) 394-0079. Written comments can be submitted by email to Estrella.Colon@houstontx.gov.

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.