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Top Houston Leaders Join City Controller Chris Hollins for Candid Women’s History Month Panel Discussion

HOUSTON – On Thursday afternoon, March 27, 2025, City Controller Chris Hollins celebrated Women’s History Month by inviting some of Houston’s top female leaders across several major sectors to join him for a panel discussion on advancing economic mobility for all Houstonians.

Controller Hollins noted, “My goal this Women’s History Month was to bring together leaders and lean on their expertise and perspectives to form a vision around increasing economic mobility – the next step is now to chart a path we can take to get there.”

Hollins served as the panel’s co-moderator alongside Anna Reger, Founder and CEO of FlipLok, a Houston-based manufacturer specializing in door locks and related security infrastructure to fend off active threats.

"I’m thankful to Controller Hollins for inviting me to co-moderate this important panel featuring dynamic female leaders who are working to make a difference in Houston every day. Together, we have the chance to empower women in leadership and drive meaningful economic mobility, paving the way for a brighter future for our city and beyond."

Panel participants were a proverbial “Who’s Who” of Houston’s top business and civic leaders, including HISD Board Member Cassandra Auzenne Bandy, Houston Freedmen’s Conservancy Executive Director Sharon Fletcher, Greater Houston Partnership Executive Senior VP LaTanya Flix, Houston Land Bank Board Member Danielle Keys-Bess, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Vice President and Noble Corporation Chief Auditor Wendy Lewis-Armstrong, Protiviti Managing Director Edna Lopez, City Controller’s Office Deputy Director Jennifer Pierce, Impact Hub Houston CEO Grace Rodriguez, Greater Houston Partnership Executive Senior VP Jane Stricker, Protiviti Associate Director Cara Sylvers, TWU Houston Campus President Dr. Monica Williams, and Bread of Life Chief Operating Officer Monique Williams.

The discussion focused on Houston’s financial future, covering specific topics like the importance of early childhood education, following multiple pathways to success, taking full advantage of existing programs and resources, and the critical nature of delivering essential services to residents when and where they need them most.

Controller Hollins pointed out that, although Women’s History Month is coming to a close, it’s important that women’s voices are actively leading conversations year-round on the future of Houston. Said Hollins, "Women in our community, across the state, nation, and around the world must be an integral part of the conversation and the decision-making process, sitting at every table where decisions are made."

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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 resident's 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.

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