

## Public Notice

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing an Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Loan Agreement between the City and Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation (FWCRC). FWCRC intends to enter a loan agreement with Business & Community Lenders (BCL) of Texas for additional construction financing. This Amendment will approve the BCL loan and the requested subordination. No additional City funds are being appropriated with this Amendment.

In 2023, City Council approved \$750,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be allocated for construction costs for rehabilitation of Fifth Ward Technology Center (FWTC), a two-story, 16,000-foot project located at 2600 Chew Street, Houston, TX 77020 in Fifth Ward's Kashmere Gardens Complete Community. This project is a part of the comprehensive redevelopment of Houston's Fifth Ward increasing productivity, creativity, and networking opportunities for entrepreneurs in a collaborative, high-growth environment. FWTC's "plug and play" small business office solution will provide entrepreneurs with an affordable community workspace without the financial burden of staff support and office equipment.

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on this proposed item. The 30-day period extends from Thursday, March 27, 2025, through Sunday, April 27, 2025. Upon completion of the 30-day public comment period, HCDD will take this item to the City Council.

For additional information on this item, contact Kenneth Brown at (346) 547-3106. Written comments can be submitted by email to [Kenneth.Brown3@houstontx.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Brown3@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](http://www.houstontx.gov/housing).