

## 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. SERJobs for Progress of the Texas Gulf Coast, Inc. (SERJobs) has applied as a funding recipient of additional Community Project Funds (CPF) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through a First Amendment to the subrecipient agreement between the City and SERJobs to operate the Houston Financial Empowerment Center (HFEC) which provides financial counseling, case management, and financial literacy education for low-income persons. A possible conflict of interest has been determined, as there is a City employee, previously designated to the Board of Directors of SERJobs, who currently serves the City as Chief of Staff for At-Large Position 3 City Council Member Twila Carter, who will vote on the First Amendment

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).