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### **STATEMENT BY HOUSTON CITY CONTROLLER CHRIS HOLLINSON RELEASE OF CITY OF HOUSTON EFFICIENCY STUDY**

Houston City Controller Chris Hollins issued the following statement in response to the City of Houston’s release of an efficiency study conducted by the accounting firm Ernst & Young. This study was initially commissioned by the City in May 2024.

“Houstonians deserve a city government that is efficient, effective, and financially responsible. The study presented today highlights some real opportunities to cut waste and improve city services. But make no mistake – a report alone won’t fix our budget. These recommendations won’t be of value if they are allowed to collect dust. The best ideas from this study must be evaluated for their financial impact, with clear timelines and full transparency.

As such, I renew my call for an emergency task force that brings together my office, the Mayor’s Office, and City Council. We need swift, decisive action to address our city’s growing financial challenges.

With Houston now facing a budget shortfall exceeding \$300 million, including an additional \$100+ million obligation for street and drainage funding, there is no time for delays or half-measures.

Houstonians deserve a government that follows through, keeps the public informed, and commits to real financial progress.

As City Controller, I remain focused on responsible financial approaches to protect Houston’s long-term future. This is about more than balancing numbers – it’s about working together to make smart decisions that keep our city strong.”

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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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