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City Controller's Office Warns of Scam Calls Posing as City Officials

Public Urged to Report Suspicious Activity to 311

HOUSTON — The Houston City Controller's Office is alerting residents about fraudulent phone calls from individuals falsely claiming to represent the Controller's Office. These callers may attempt to collect money or personal information.

These calls are **not legitimate**. The Controller's Office does **not** call individuals to demand payment, threaten legal action, or request personal or banking information.

If you receive a suspicious call:

- **Do not share** any personal or financial information.
- **Do not make** any payments.
- Report it immediately to the **City of Houston's 311 Service Center**, by phone, the **Houston 311 app**, or the **online portal**.

The Controller's Office is working closely with city and law enforcement agencies to monitor the situation. Safeguarding residents from fraud and misinformation remains a top priority.

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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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