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City of Houston Controller's Office Postpones Annual Investor Conference in Solidarity with Hilton Hotel Workers

HOUSTON, TX — [The City of Houston Controller's Office](#) announced today that it was indefinitely postponing the [10th Annual Houston Investor Conference](#), originally scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the Hilton Americas-Houston due to Hilton's ongoing labor dispute with its employees.

The decision underscores Controller Chris Hollins's firm belief that economic growth must never come at the expense of workers' dignity. Hilton workers are currently on strike, calling for fair wages, safer working conditions, and stronger workplace protections.

"Houston's workers are the backbone of our city's economy," said [Houston City Controller Chris Hollins](#). "We can't build a stronger city by stepping over the people who keep it running. Fair pay and safe conditions are not negotiable — they are the bare minimum. Hilton's corporate leadership has a responsibility to act now to resolve this strike. My office will always stand with workers fighting for justice, dignity, and the ability to provide for their families."

Held annually, the Houston Investor Conference brings municipal finance professionals, institutional investors, and national leaders together to highlight the Greater Houston area's economic outlook and share opportunities for long-term investment. The event has become a trusted platform for displaying the city's economic potential, accelerating infrastructure projects, and expanding public-private partnerships that create jobs and drive inclusive growth.

"Postponing this year's conference is not a decision we made lightly," Hollins said. "It would betray our values to showcase the region's economic opportunities while ignoring the voices of working people. Their fight is Houston's fight—Hilton needs to do the right thing, bargain in good faith, and resolve this issue now."

The Controller's Office is exploring new dates and alternate venues to enable the conference to move forward without compromising the City of Houston's commitment to equity, fairness, and the working people who power its progress.

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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.