

STATEMENT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER, CHRIS HOLLINS



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STATEMENT FROM CITY CONTROLLER CHRIS HOLLINS CONDEMNING MINNEAPOLIS ICE SHOOTING

"Yesterday in Minneapolis, a young mother was killed during a reckless operation carried out by militarized ICE agents. This was not an accident in the abstract - it was the foreseeable result of policy choices that treat human lives as collateral damage. When enforcement is driven by ideology instead of judgment, families are destroyed and communities are destabilized.

Renee Nicole Good should never have been put in harm's way, let alone turned into a symbol of this cruelty. We stand with her family, her loved ones, and the people of Minneapolis in grief and in anger. We should be demanding more of our government: more restraint, more accountability, and a basic respect for human dignity.

Here in Houston, cooperating with ICE beyond what the law requires does not make us safer. It fuels fear, erodes trust, and poisons relationships in one of the most diverse cities in America, where nearly one in four residents is an immigrant. The tactics we are seeing from ICE today have no place in a democracy and no place in the City of Houston."

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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 residents' 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.