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**Subject: NO TAG REQUEST – EXECUTION OF HUD
CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPLEMENTATION
GRANT AGREEMENT**

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) respectfully requests City Council not tag item #24 on the October 1, 2024 agenda regarding the execution of the HUD Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant agreement because the application must be submitted to HUD by mid-October.

On December 30, 2023 Houston Housing Authority, as Lead Applicant, and the City of Houston, as Co-Applicant, submitted a joint application to HUD for a \$50,000,000.00 HUD Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant to support the redevelopment of Cuney Homes/Third Ward. The grant was awarded by HUD on July 16, 2024 and in order to secure the grant it must be executed by both parties by mid-October. The funding of this reimbursement grant will be managed by HHA as the Lead Applicant; no funding will be available to the City of Houston. A tag on this item may cause HUD's mid-October deadline to be missed and the lost opportunity for HHA to receive \$50,000,000.00 for the redevelopment of the Cuney Homes/Third Ward area.

HCD apologizes that it must request that the council members forgo their authority to tag this item. HCD is available to meet to explain the item and/or answer questions prior to the council meeting in absence of a tag week.

Please contact Eli Arce at 832-394-6122 if there are questions or to inform HCD of council members' requests to schedule meetings related to this item.

Thank you for your consideration.