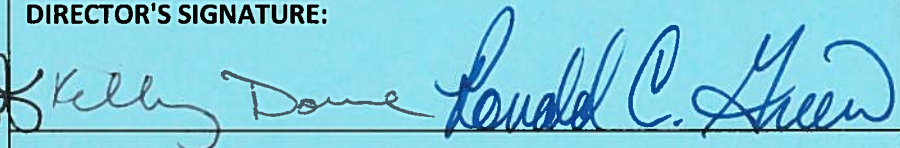




SUBJECT: Approve ordinance supplementing the City of Houston, Texas Master Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Houston, Texas Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2016A.		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item#
FROM (Department or other point of origin): Department of Finance and Office of the City Controller		Origination Date: 12/9/2015	Agenda Date	
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 		Council District Affected: All		
For additional information contact: Jennifer Olenick  Charisse Mosely 		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action: Ordinance No. 2004-299		
RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) Approve ordinance authorizing the City of Houston Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2016A, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$64 million. These bonds will be privately placed with the Texas Water Development Board.				
Amount of Funding: Not Applicable			Finance Budget:	
Source of Funding: <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Fund				
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:				
<p>The Texas Water Development Board (the "TWDB") administers a program that provides below market, low-interest rate loans to applicants to assist in meeting clean water needs of communities. This program is known as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund ("CWSRF"), which is open to political subdivisions that own and operate a wastewater system. The City's Combined Utility System ("CUS") has participated in this program since the late 1980's. The City of Houston Combined Utility System First Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2016A will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$64 million.</p> <p>The Finance Working Group ("FWG") recommends that the City issue the CUS Series 2016A Bonds with the proceeds to be used to fund approved projects in the City's adopted CIP, fund a reserve fund if necessary and pay costs of issuance.</p> <p>The CUS Series 2016A Bonds will be privately placed with the TWDB, which eliminates the need for underwriters. The closing is expected to occur late January 2016. Norton Rose Fulbright LLP and Burney & Foreman are recommended as co-bond counsel.</p> <p>This transaction was presented to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee on December 8, 2015.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>The FWG recommends the approval of this item.</p>				
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
Finance Director:		Other Authorization:		Other Authorization: