

**PVAMU PROFESSOR AND HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
CHAMPIONS HISTORIC HOUSING ALLOCATION INCREASE**

**PRAIRIE VIEW**, Texas (August 14, 2025) - [Prairie View A&M University](#) proudly recognizes the groundbreaking leadership of alumna, program coordinator, and assistant professor of community development Dr. Tiffany Thomas, who serves in her second term on Houston's City Council.

Dr. Thomas, the first Black woman under 40 elected to the council, played a pivotal role in the passage of a [historic amendment](#) to the City's CDBG-DR24 Action Plan, increasing the housing allocation from \$50 million to \$100 million while also securing investments in generators, debris removal, and public safety measures.

"Mayor Whitmire and I had to unlock our horns to get here. And that's okay," Dr. Thomas said. "Public service should be deliberate, at times difficult, and always rooted in delivering solutions for the people we serve. The acceptance of my amendment and the increased investment will help strengthen our city's resiliency network, improve local recovery and emergency response, and—just as important—preserve our housing inventory so Houstonians can recover with dignity."

At PVAMU's School of Architecture, [Dr. Thomas](#) teaches Introduction to Community Development, Community Research, Community Development Politics, and Cultural Heritage and Preservation. PVAMU is the **only historically Black university** in the nation with an academic community development program. Dr. Thomas uses her platform to connect classroom learning with real-world policy change.

With Texas' housing landscape facing rapid change, marked by rising costs, redevelopment pressures, and shifting policy, Dr. Thomas' combined academic expertise and legislative experience make her a **highly sought-after voice on community development, affordable housing, urban planning, and disaster recovery**. She is also an experienced orator and media contributor, adept at explaining complex policy in terms that resonate with diverse audiences.

**To coordinate an interview** with Dr. Thomas about this timely announcement, please contact Liz Faublas-Wallace, Communications Specialist III, at [lswallace@pvamu.edu](mailto:lswallace@pvamu.edu).



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