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### **Fairfield seeks community input on housing, community development plan**

**Fairfield, California (Wednesday, March 1, 2017)**—The City of Fairfield will hold its second public workshop for the development of the 2017-2022 CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan on March 9.

The Plan is a comprehensive document that identifies the City's needs for affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, and community development, and outlines a five-year strategy to address those needs. The strategies developed should prevent or eliminate blight, address activities in low and moderate income areas, and address community development needs that affect the health, welfare, and quality of life of the community.

Community participation is encouraged by persons who reside within the area where funds are proposed to be used. This area is bound by Air Base Parkway, Walters Road, Highway 12, and Interstate 80, including areas along Texas Street, north to west. Citizens with disabilities, and minorities, non-English speaking persons, and recipients of federal rental assistance are all strongly encouraged to take part in the planning process of this essential document, which will set Fairfield's course for the outlined area of town for next five years.

The public meeting to discuss the Five-year Consolidated Plan will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky Street in Lakeside Suite C, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The City of Fairfield does not discriminate against any individual with a disability. City publications will be made available upon request in the appropriate format for persons with a disability. If you need an accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting due to a disability, please contact Cindy Spears, (707) 428-7463, [cspears@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:cspears@fairfield.ca.gov), or Lucia Morales, (707) 428-7466, [lmorales@fairfield.ca.gov](mailto:lmorales@fairfield.ca.gov), in advance of the meeting.

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**About Fairfield's Community Development Block Grant Program**

Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 authorized Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds to qualifying cities. The overall goal of the program is to develop and maintain viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities primarily for low- and moderate-income persons.

Since 1975, the City of Fairfield has been classified as an entitlement city, which is defined as a principal city within a Metropolitan Statistical Area with a population over 50,000. HUD determines the amount of each annual entitlement grant by a statutory dual formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

The City of Fairfield encourages the participation of Fairfield residents in the formation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) priorities, strategies, and funding allocations.