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City of Rockford to Hold Community and Economic Development Public Hearings; Begin its 2017 Annual Action Plan Process

Rockford, Ill – The City of Rockford will hold a public hearing at two different locations for interested citizens, groups and organizations. The purpose of the hearings is to provide an update of the 2016 Community and Economic Development program activities and provide the public with an opportunity to express their ideas and views on housing and community development needs, as they relate to the City of Rockford’s 2017 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan.

The Consolidated Plan Annual update begins the citizen participation process for three federal formula programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG). The overall goal of these programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

The first public hearing will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Katie’s Cup, 502 Seventh Street. For those that cannot attend the first hearing, the information will be made available once again with an opportunity for the public to share comments at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Northwest Community Center, 1325 N. Johnston Avenue. Both sessions will cover the same information. Interested participants only need to attend one session.

The hearings will be accessible upon request to non-English speaking residents or persons with disabilities. Such individuals who are planning to attend and need special accommodations should contact by letter or telephone, the Neighborhood Development Division, Community and Economic Development Department, 425 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104, 779-348-7162, by August 5, 2016 to make notice of their anticipated needs.

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