



November 15, 2007

Dear Citizens:

The Office of Community Development has scheduled a public meeting where people with an interest in housing and human services needs are invited to provide input into how the City should allocate federal and local funds. It is through the RFP process that recommendations for funding for housing and human services programs are determined. The scheduled meeting times include:

Public Hearings:

- **Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:00pm** at the City Council Meeting, 2nd floor Council Chambers, 100 N 5th Avenue., Ann Arbor, Michigan

Housing and Human Services Advisory Board Meeting--Public Comment:

- **Tuesday, January 8th, 2008 at 6:00 pm** at the 3rdth Floor Conference Room, County Annex Building, 110 N Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor, Michigan

Written comments are also welcome. Please send written comments to

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Representatives from the City Council, Office of Community Development, and Housing and Human Services Advisory Board are interested in hearing from as many interested citizens and stakeholders as possible. The enclosed question and answer sheet provides more information on this process. Feel free to post this or distribute it within your organization.

Damon Thompson

Interim Community Development Director

Office of Community Development
2008 – 09 Housing & Human Services Public Hearings
For federal and local housing and human service funding
For the City of Ann Arbor

What is the purpose of the public hearing?

- To collect feedback from the public about the housing, community development and human services needs of low-income households in the City of Ann Arbor.
- To facilitate communication from housing and human service providers about additional service needs that they see.
- To use this information in the development of the Action Plan for next year and determine budgets for the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and City of Ann Arbor general funds.

Why should I participate in the development of the Action Plan?

- To have an impact on those human services, public improvement, and housing projects that local decision makers select each year for funding with federal CDBG and HOME dollars and local general funds.
- To inform the Mayor and City Council of a new need in your community or a current need that has not yet been addressed.

How can I participate?

- Share your thoughts, concerns and questions in person at any of the scheduled meetings and public hearings noted above.
- Complete a comment form at a public hearing.
- Send your written comments to:
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