

CITY OF MERCED
NOTICE OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS &
NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD
2024 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

This PUBLIC NOTICE intends to inform Merced City residents about opportunities to participate in the City of Merced's preparation of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP). As a Grantee/Participating Jurisdiction, the City of Merced anticipates the following HUD-issued allocations for the 2024 Program Year spanning 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025: \$1,056,567 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$450,564 of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program funding.

1. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS (TWO) – JUNE 3 AND JULY 15, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Merced City Council will hold two Public Hearings to receive public comment regarding 2024-25 anticipated project funding and the Draft 2024 AAP. At the First Public Hearing on June 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., the expected program year budget and preliminary project funding will be reviewed. At the Second Public Hearing on July 15, 2024, at 6 p.m., the City Council will be asked to review and approve the Final Draft of the 2024 AAP and award project funding to the applying organizations. Public comments are encouraged at both Public Hearings and will be accepted via normal City Council Citizen Participation procedures. For meeting agendas and participation instructions, please visit: <https://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/city-clerk/council-meetings>. **ACCESSIBILITY:** In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if special accommodations are needed, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (209) 388-8650. Notification at least 48 hours prior to when services are needed will assure that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility or service. Hmong and Spanish language translation is provided at all City Council meetings. For written comments submitted in Spanish or Hmong for either Public Hearing, please submit your comments at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting date, to allow reasonable time to translate your comment.

2. NOTICE OF 30-DAY REVIEW AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

The City of Merced Housing Division will conduct a Public Review and Comment Period regarding the Draft 2024 AAP beginning on Friday 6/14/2024 and ending on Monday 7/15/2024 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the 30-day Review and Comment Period is to offer residents and interested parties an opportunity to review and provide input to the 2024 AAP during its preparation. Comments will be received, considered for inclusion in the final plan, and responded to, if appropriate. **HOW TO VIEW:** by 6/14/2024, a SUMMARY of the Preliminary 2024 Annual Plan budget, project descriptions and requested dollar amounts of the 2024 Non-Profit Organization project applications that were submitted by the organizations to meet community need, and staff-recommendation options for proposed public service funding will be available for viewing. Additionally, on or about 6/14/2024, a PRELIMINARY PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT of the 2024 AAP report will also be available for viewing. Updates to this Preliminary Draft will be made as preparation of the AAP progresses towards finalization. The Summary and Preliminary AAP Report will be available for review in the following three ways: 1) *Housing Division Website:* www.cityofmerced.org/housing (viewable/downloadable); 2) *In Person:* 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri (closed noon-1pm), City of Merced, Housing Division, 2nd Floor City Hall, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced (Spanish or Hmong translation services are available); 3) *Send Email to:* housing@cityofmerced.org; staff will respond within two business days. Please also email any special accommodation requests. All updates to the review documents will be saved on the webpage listed in dated order. **HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:** comment submissions by email are strongly encouraged and preferred, to: housing@cityofmerced.org (please enter "2024 AAP Comment" in the subject line). Written comments may be mailed or delivered in person to: City of Merced Housing Division, 2nd Floor City Hall, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced CA 95340. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2024, to be considered for inclusion.

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/s/ Kim Nutt
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