PUBLIC NOTICE -- INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE 2023 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

BACKGROUND: Following the end of each program year, the City of Merced must submit a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that reports how and the extent to which Federal funds were used towards activities that benefitted low- and moderate-income people. Additionally, prior to drafting this year's CAPER report, that describes activities carried out during the 2023 Program Year spanning of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024 (PY2023), the City must hold a public meeting that provides an opportunity for all residents to provide input regarding these activities. Further, upon completion of the draft report, the City must make the report available for public review and comment a minimum of 15 days.

<u>PUBLIC MEETING</u>: the Merced City Housing Division invites interested parties to attend a public meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024, from 5:30 p.m.to 6:30 p.m., in the Sam Pipes Room, 1st Floor Merced Civic Center/City Hall, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced. Data regarding PY2023 funded activities will be available for review, and a preliminary draft of the 2023 CAPER Report may be available. Latecomers are welcome until the scheduled end time.

<u>PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT</u>: The Draft 2023 CAPER report will be posted and available for public review by Tuesday, August 27, 2024, through Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 5 p.m. <u>TO VIEW</u>: 1) *Internet*: a link to view/download the Draft Report will be posted on the Housing Division's webpage: www.cityofmerced.org/housing; 2) *In person:* a printed copy will be available at the City of Merced Housing Division, 678 W 18th Street (2nd Floor), Merced; and, 3) *Request a copy by email:* call 209-385-6863 or email housing@cityofmerced.org with subject line "CAPER". <u>TO COMMENT</u>: Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: CAPER Comment, City of Merced Housing Division, 2nd Floor City Hall, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced CA 95340, or email to: housing@cityofmerced.org with subject line "CAPER Comment".

Spanish and Hmong translators to assist with reading, speaking, or writing can be made available. For special accommodations, Spanish or Hmong translation, or more information, please contact the Housing Division at (209) 385-6863, or email: housing@cityofmerced.org. Please allow five days' notice for translation or hearing-impaired requests, to assure the provision of these accommodations and/or information.

City Council approval of the Final Draft of the 2023 CAPER is scheduled for the Merced City Council meeting of September 16, 2024 (6:00 p.m.). A public hearing is not required for this process; however, citizens are welcome to attend and/or submit public comment for the agenda item, as per normal citizen participation procedures. For City Council agendas, special accommodations/translators, and meeting participation instructions, please visit the City Clerk webpage: www.cityofmerced.org/departments/city-clerk/council-meetings.