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HEADLINE: Public Input Regarding Budget Balancing Plan

Upon adoption of the Budget Balancing Plan on July 21, 2009, the City Council requested that the public be provided with additional opportunities to review and comment on the Plan. The City Council Finance Committee discussed the best options for receiving public comment and determined that utilizing the Commissions as a vehicle to hold a public meeting would be best. The logic behind this decision took into account that past budget meetings in the community have not resulted in a good turnout. It is expected that the commission option will attract residents who are interested in budget cuts associated with a particular commission, department or service.

The Commission/Public Budget "Congress" will be held at 7 p.m. on December 16, 2009, at the Sherwood Center. The public and all commission and committees are asked to attend including the; Measure V Committee, Planning Commission, Library Commission, Recreation-Park Commission, Traffic and Transportation Commission, Police Community Advisory Committee, Airport Commission, Animal Shelter Committee and Youth Commission.

An overview of the City budget and proposed reductions and service impacts will be presented by the City Manager and Department Directors. Questions and comments will be received from each committee and commission followed with a public comment period.

Mayor Donohue "asked all residents, commission and committees to attend the Commission/Public Budget "Congress" and welcomes input concerning City service/budget reductions that are required at this very difficult financial time."