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Economic Development Department Invites Community Participation *Planning for Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Needs*

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton Economic Development Department is holding a public meeting to discuss the City’s Fiscal Year 2020-2025 Draft Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Draft Action Plan, Thursday, November 21, 2019, 3:30 p.m., at the Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium, North Hall, 525 N. Center Street. The meeting will be held with the Community Development Committee (CDC), and members of the community are encouraged to participate.

The City of Stockton is an entitlement City that receives three sources of funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development annually; Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant funds (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds (HOME).

The purpose of the meeting is to engage the community on the City’s housing and community development needs and how the City will leverage approximately \$3.3 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding; \$290,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding; and \$1.6 million in HOME Investment Partnership funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address needs and meet the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The allocation estimates are based on the prior

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fiscal year funds received, and actual amounts may vary.

CDBG funds can be used for a variety of activities to help low- and moderate-income people and to prevent or eliminate slums and blight. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Preserve and increase affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households;
- Provide supportive services, such as case management to persons experiencing homelessness;
- Construction or rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family homes and multi-family developments, or public improvements and facilities;
- Assist with homeownership opportunities;
- Assist and expand programs targeting the elderly and disabled to keep them engaged in their community;
- Encourage and promote programs that focus on community needs targeting low-income and underserved populations;
- Promote Fair housing and reduce housing discrimination; and
- Economic Development activities targeting low- to moderate-income persons and/or entrepreneurs, for example, job training programs and micro business loans.

ESG funds are available to agencies providing emergency shelter, homeless prevention or re-housing services to homeless individuals and households. The City

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competitively allocates federal HOME funds to agencies for the development of various housing activities, such as homeownership, multi-family, and homeless housing for either new construction, or rehabilitation projects. Additionally, funds may be used for first-time homebuyer assistance.

A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has been issued and the application for CDBG and ESG funds, will be available Monday, November 25, 2019, online at www.stocktonca.gov/housing, or paper copies are available for pick-up at the City of Stockton Economic Development Department, 400 E. Main Street, Floor 4, Stockton (Chase Building). A separate future NOFA will be issued for HOME funds.

For additional information, please contact the City of Stockton Economic Development Department at 209-937-8539.

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