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Attention:

CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION
678 W. 18TH ST,
MERCED, CA 95340

**CITY OF MERCED
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
NOTICE OF 30 DAY REVIEW
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

**2020-2024 Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan
Community Input Solicitation**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Merced will conduct a 30-day review beginning on June 10, 2020, and ending on July 10, 2020, regarding the development of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2020 (First-Year) Annual Action Plan. The purpose of the 30-day review is to provide an opportunity for residents and interested organizations to express their views as the City develops its plans for use and expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) entitlement grant funds:

Consolidated Plan

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has established three broadly-framed national objectives that guide and capture the range of community impacts that occur as a result of CDBG and HOME program activities: Creating Suitable Living Environments, Providing Decent Housing, and Creating Economic Opportunities. The Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) is a five-year strategic plan developed to determine how these objectives will be met over the next five years within the City of Merced using its CDBG and HOME entitlement grant funds. The 2020-2024 ConPlan strategizes anticipated funding, objectives, and outcome goals for the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 Program Years. Each Program Year of the ConPlan coincides with the City's fiscal year, which is July 1 through June 30 of each calendar year.

Annual Action Plan

Each year, the City of Merced receives a formula-based allocation of CDBG and HOME entitlement grant funds from HUD. The principal purpose of the Annual Action Plan is to show how these allocations will be expended during the coming year in a way that addresses the needs, priorities, and objectives contained in the City's ConPlan. The 2020 Annual Plan implements the first program year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and is developed at the same time. The City's 2020 CDBG allocation is expected to be \$1,124,056, and the expected 2020 HOME allocation is \$542,776.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

While not subject to HUD's requirement for a 30-day public comment period, the City expects to have the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) document ready for public viewing at some point during the ConPlan and Action Plan posting period. The draft AI will be posted at the same location as the ConPlan and Annual Action Plan when ready to view. The AI focuses on actions, omissions, and decisions made because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, which restrict, or have the effect of restricting, housing choices or the availability of housing choices in the City of Merced.

PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT:

A Public Hearing will be held at the Merced City Council meeting of July 6, 2020, at which the draft Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing draft documents will be presented. Public comment will be accepted via normal City Council citizen participation procedures. For instructions, please visit: www.cityofmerced.org/departments/city-clerk/council-meetings.

Following this Public Hearing, all plans and documents will then be finalized and presented for final review and approval at the August 3, 2020, City Council meeting.

Accessibility

In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (209) 388-8650. Notification at least 48 hours prior to when services are needed will assist City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility or service. Among and Spanish language translation will be available at the meeting. Please allow at least 48 hours in advance for translation of any written comments submitted for the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT:

Copies of the proposed 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the following locations from June 10 to July 10, 2020:

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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County of Merced)

I am a citizen of the United States; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Merced Sun-Star, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the city of Merced, County of Merced, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Merced, State of California, under the date of July 14, 1964 Case Number 33224 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

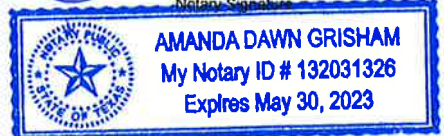
June 04, 2020

V Rodela
Legal Clerk

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Dallas, Texas on:

Date: 22nd, day of July, 2020

Amanda Dawn Grisham



Extra charge for lost or duplicate affidavits.
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City of Merced
Housing Division
2nd Floor Civic Center/City Hall
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA

Housing Division
Website:
[www.cityofmerced.org/departments/
economic-development/housing-division](http://www.cityofmerced.org/departments/economic-development/housing-division)

Due to restrictions to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, no other physical viewing locations are available at this time. If public building restrictions are lifted, copies may be available at other locations if safe to do so. Updates will be posted on the City's website.

Due to the pandemic and in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, comment submissions by email are strongly encouraged and preferred. Aside from the Public Hearing citizen participation methods linked above, you may email additional comments to: housing@cityofmerced.org. Written comments may also be mailed and/or submitted in person to: Attn: Consolidated Plan, City of Merced Housing Division, Merced Civic Center (2nd Floor), 678 W. 18th Street, Merced CA 95340. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2020.

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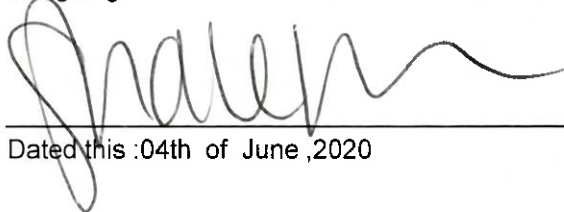
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the printer foreman or principal clerk of The Merced County Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Merced, County of Merced, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Merced, State of California, under the date of December 14, 1999, Case Number 143600; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF 30 DAY REVIEW AND OP- PORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Publication Date: 06-04-2020

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Dated this 04th of June, 2020

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person to: Attn: Consoli-
dated Plan, City of Merced
Housing Division, Merced
Public Center (2nd Floor),
18th Street,
Merced, CA 95354.
Michael H. Thompson
Commissioner for Probate has
declared that the above-
entitled matter is a matter
of public interest, and
therefore, the public is
entitled to be heard.
The public hearing will be
held on the date and at the
time and place specified
above, and persons
interested in the matter
may appear and be heard
thereon. The hearing will
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95354, on the date and at
the time specified above.

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Attention: Kim Nutt

CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION
678 W. 18TH ST,
MERCED, CA 95340

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
AND REQUESTS FOR
PROGRAM & PROJECT APPLICATION SUBMITTALS
CITY OF MERCED HOUSING PROGRAM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
and HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)
FUNDING PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funds will soon be made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the City of Merced for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Of those funds, the Merced City Council may choose to re-allocate a maximum of 15% of its CDBG allocation to eligible Public Service activities (services must adhere to CDBG guidelines CFR #570.201.e). A minimum of 15% of the City's HOME allocation must be designated to a Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) (services must adhere to CHDO guidelines CFR #90.301). Of the CDBG administrative funds, the Housing Division will be requesting applications from non-profit organizations that have capacity to provide Fair Housing and Continuum of Care Services within the community. According to CDBG and HOME regulations these are activities typically, although not exclusively, undertaken by community organizations. An information guide can be obtained from the City of Merced Housing Program at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, 95340 for those interested in applying for these funds. The application deadline is March 9, 2020. Three public meetings will be held over two days: March 2 (10:00 a.m.) and March 3, 2020 (2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.) at Merced City Hall, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. A Public Hearing will be held before the Merced City Council at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, May 4, 2020, to adopt the City of Merced 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2020 Annual Action Plan that will contain specific recommendations for allocation expenditures during Fiscal Year 2020/2021. For additional information please call 385-6863 (voice), or send E-mail to: nuttk@cityofmerced.org

Attention: City Clerk

CITY CLERK
CITY OF MERCED

Publish: February 20, 2020

/s/ Kim Nutt
Kim Nutt, Housing
Program Specialist

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February 20, 2020

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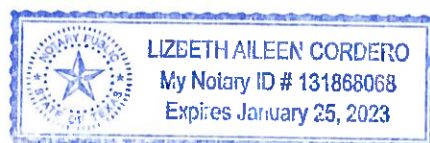
Legal Clerk

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Dallas, Texas on

Date: 20th, day of February, 2020

Lizbeth Aileen Cordero

Notary Signature



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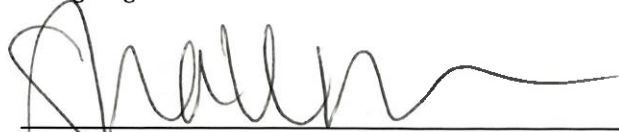
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Publication Date: 02-20-2020

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Dated this 21st, of February, 2020

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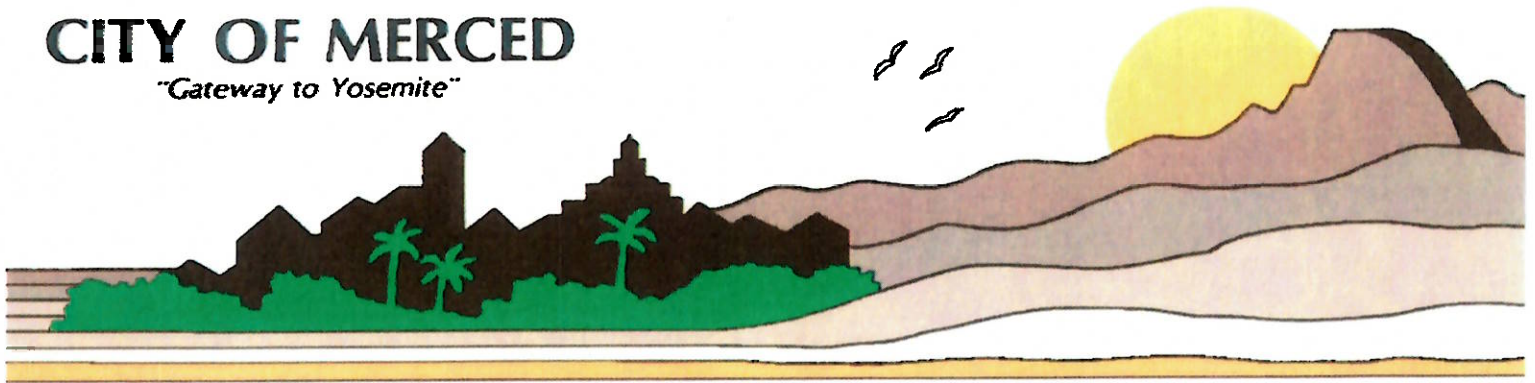
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"Gateway to Yosemite"



February 18, 2020

Dear Community Organization:

The City of Merced Housing Division is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Fair Housing Services, and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funding requests. The City will be holding informational meetings per the following dates and times:

Date	Time	Location
Monday, March 2, 2020	10:00 a.m.	3 rd Floor Conference Room * Merced City Hall/Civic Center 678 W. 18 th Street, Merced
Tuesday, March 3, 2020	2:00 p.m.	
	5:30 p.m.	

* For special accommodations, arrangement for interpretation services, or more information, please call the City's Housing Program at (209) 385-6863.

The meetings will provide information regarding CDBG public service funding opportunities for local non-profit community organization programs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows the City of Merced to allocate up to 15% of its CDBG funds towards public service grants. While we do not yet know what our HUD allocation will be, nor the percentage our City Council will choose to fund this year, we want to extend the invitation to you to apply.

Concurrent to these meetings, we are also working with an outside consultant for compilation of community needs assessment data and drafting of our 2020-'24 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2020 First-Year Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, and updates to our Citizen Participation Plan. The community needs assessment data being collected will be used towards prioritizing which public service programs will be funded in order to address those needs.

The City Council will hold a final public hearing for review and adoption of the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and First-Year/2020 Annual Action Plan on May 4, 2020, at 6:00 PM in the Merced City Hall Council Chambers at 678 West 18th Street. Tentatively, there may also be a meeting on April 20, 2020, for the Council to preview the draft plans and to allow for more public comment to be placed into the final versions. All meetings will be posted on our website and publicly noticed in the Merced County Times and the Merced Sun-Star. Our website will be kept current as to all steps of the process.

Interested parties should visit our website at: www.CityofMerced.org/Departments (then navigate to "Housing Division") to download the application packet. Paper application packets are also available at the Housing Division, located on the second floor of City Hall, 678 West 18th Street, Merced. Applications must be received by the Housing Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020. Due to the strict timelines in coordination with the concurrent work discussed above, no applications submitted after this date will be considered.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss your proposal, please contact the Housing Division at 209-385-6863 or nuttk@cityofmerced.org.

Respectfully,

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Kim Nutt
Housing Program Specialist
City of Merced Housing Division

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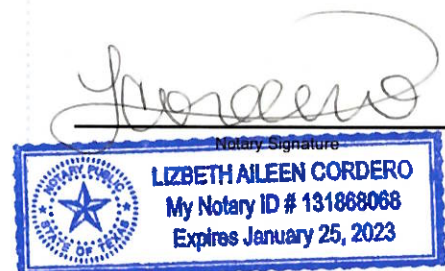
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December 06, 2019, December 08, 2019,
December 09, 2019

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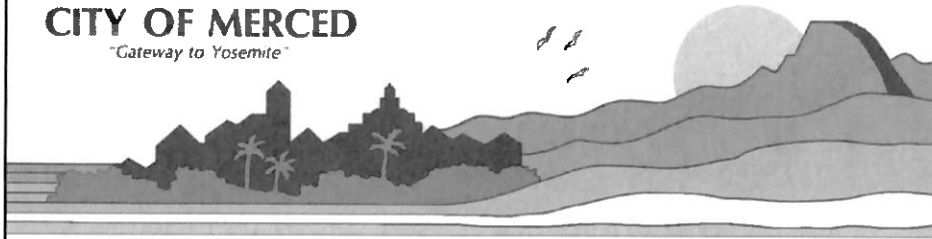
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Dallas, Texas on:

Date: 8th, day of January, 2020



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Open Letter and Public Invitation to City of Merced Residents and Stakeholders to Assist the City of Merced in Focus Group Conversations about Community Priorities

Dear Residents and Community Partners:

As a recipient of federal funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Merced is required to certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing. It is also required to develop a five-year comprehensive plan for housing and community development to determine the types of projects that should be financed in the future with federal housing and community development funds. Part of the work related to these efforts is to facilitate a robust community engagement process. The purpose of this is to receive public feedback on the issues that may affect Merced residents in accessing housing that is free of barriers and to gain insight on community priorities around housing and community development.

In completing this outreach effort, the City of Merced is working with TDA Consulting. Staff from TDA will be conducting a series of focus groups next week to gather input from residents and stakeholders on the issues that are of most important to the community.

There will be a total of four specific focus groups, scheduled as follows:

Resident Focus Group: Monday, December 9th, 6:00-7:30pm

Housing Focus Group: Tuesday, December 10th, 10:00-11:30am

Economic Development Focus Group: Tuesday, December 10th, 1:30-3:00pm

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All focus group meetings will be held in the Sam Pipes Room, 1st Floor City Hall, 678 W. 18th Street, in Merced. Spanish-speaking interpretation will be available.

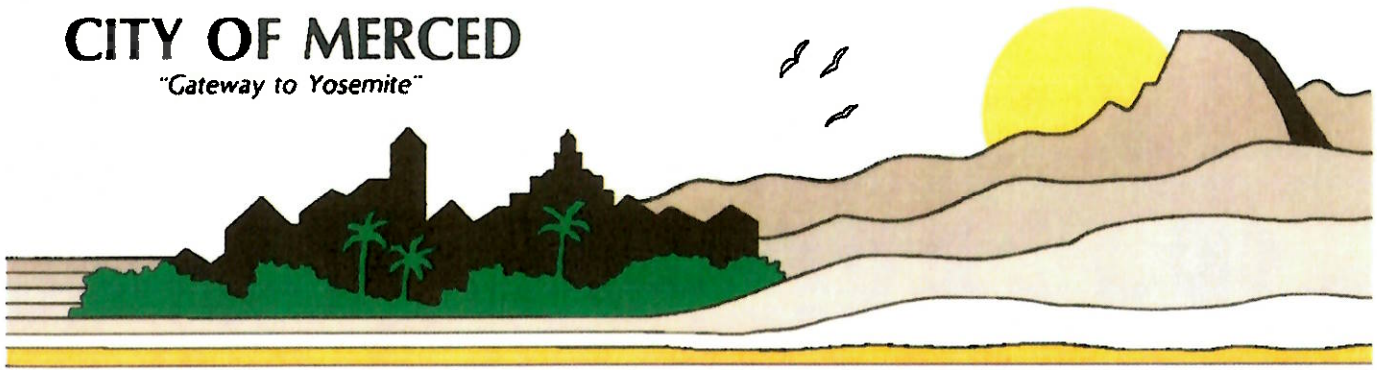
It is our priority to gather input from a diverse set of community to better inform our policies. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Best regards,

Scott McBride
Director of Development Services
City of Merced Housing Division
Development Services Department

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Telephone (209) 385-6863

City of Merced Housing Division

Fax (209) 388-8987

December 3, 2019

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Scott McBride

Director of Development Services

City of Merced Housing Division

Development Services Department



YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

YOUTH | TEENS | FAMILIES | ADULTS | SENIORS | BUSINESSES

Please take 5 minutes to **help your community by completing our short survey**. Access the survey in English or Spanish **online at the below links**, or by **scanning the QR Code at the bottom of this flyer**.



English: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MercedEnglish

Spanish: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MercedSpanish



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The City of Merced is required to develop a 5-year comprehensive plan for the use of Federal Funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD. The City is also required to certify that it will promote the availability of fair housing for all residents living in the City. Part of this work is to ask our Citizens – that's YOU! – for help in determining what issues may be affecting our residents with housing and community economic development.

While receiving feedback from organizations working in the community is important, getting input directly from our residents is critical.

SHARE! SHARE! SHARE!

We ask that you please take the survey yourself, then send these survey links to your colleagues, neighbors, and other community residents. The survey can be completed online with any device – computer, tablet, or phone. There is a handy QR Code to make it even easier!

WE RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY

Your responses will not be individually tracked, and your personal information is not requested.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you need more information about this process or about the survey, please contact Kim Nutt, Housing Program Specialist, at 209-388-8988, or by emailing nuttk@cityofmerced.org

USE YOUR PHONE TO SCAN CODE:



ENGLISH



OR

SPANISH





¡SU OPINION IMPORTA!

NIÑOS | JÓVENES | FAMILIAS | ADULTOS | MAYORES DE EDAD | NEGOCIOS

Por favor tome 5 minutos para **ayudar a su comunidad por medio de su participación en esta encuesta corta**. La encuesta se puede acessar en Ingles o en Español **haciendo klik en los enlaces indicados** o por medio de digitalizar los “código de QR” al fin de ésta página.



English: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MercedEnglish

Spanish: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MercedSpanish



¿ POR QUÉ ES IMPORTANTE?

La ciudad de Merced tiene que desarrollar un plan comprensivo de 5 años para uso de fondos Federales otorgados por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos, (HUD- por sus siglas en ingles). La ciudad tambien tiene que certificar que va a promover la disponibilidad de la vivienda equitativa para todos los residents viviendo en la ciudad. Parte de éste trabajo es pedirles a nuestros consituyentes – son ¡USTEDES! – para ayuda para determinar cuales temas afectan nuestros constituyentes cuando se trate de vivienda y el desarrollo de la comunidad.

Mientras recibir reacciones de organizaciones comunitarias es importante, recibir reacciones directamente de nuestros residentes es crítico.

¡COMPARTA! ¡COMPARTA! ¡COMPARTA!

Les pedimos que responda a la encuesta por si mismo, y después mande los enlaces a colegas, vecinos, y otros residentes comunitarios. La encuesta se puede completar por medio del internet usando cualquier aparato – computadora, IPAD, o telefono. ¡El “código de QR” hace participación en la encuesta más fácil!

REESPETAMOS SU PRIVACIDAD

Sus respuestas no serán rastreadas, e información personal no será solicitada.

MÁS INFORMACIÓN

Si necesita más información sobre éste proceso o sobre la encuesta, por favor contacte a Kim Nutt, Especialista de Programa de Vivienda, en 209-388-8988, o via email nuttk@cityofmerced.org

USE SU TELEFONO PARA RASTREAR:



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