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Public forum for grant-funded housing and community development activities

Residents encouraged to give input for five-year plan

McKINNEY, TEXAS (June 29, 2010) – The McKinney Community Services Department will host a Community Forum to understand community needs and gain participation to shape the city's five-year Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan.

Community leaders and residents will participate in the forum at the Dulaney Room of the Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library, 101 E. Hunt St., on Thursday, July 8 at 6 p.m. Residents will be asked to comment and help prepare the city's plan, which includes community needs, resources and priorities for housing and community development activities funded with grants under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

“This plan impacts all programs under the Community Services department, which serves many needs across the city. It’s vital to hear priorities and get direction directly from residents in forums like this one,” said Shirletta Best, Community Development Block Grant Administrator.

The department also will have a survey participants can download from the city’s Web site and turn in if they can’t attend the meeting. Spanish interpretation and services for sensory-impaired and disabled citizens will also be available if the department is contacted 48 hours in advance of the forum and public hearing.

For more information, contact the CDBG Office at 972-547-7577 or visit the Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 126,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.