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CITY OF ROCKFORD HOLDS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS; BEGINS ITS 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROCESS

Rockford, IL – The City of Rockford will hold a public hearing at two different locations for interested citizens, groups and organizations. The purpose of the hearings is to provide an update of the 2015 Annual Action Plan activities, inform the public of budget changes to the 2015 Plan, and provide the public with an opportunity to express their ideas and views on housing and community development needs as they relate to the City of Rockford’s 2016 Annual Action Plan.

The Consolidated Plan Annual update begins the citizen participation process for three federal formula programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG). The overall goal of these programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

The public hearing will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Rockford Public Library Auditorium, 200 North Wyman Street (entrance on Mulberry St.). For those who cannot attend the first hearing, the information will be made available once again with an opportunity for the public to share comments at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2015 at Katie’s Cup, 502 Seventh Street. Both sessions will cover the same information. Interested participants only need to attend one session.

The hearings will be accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request. Individuals with disabilities planning to attend and needing special accommodations should contact by letter

or telephone, the Neighborhood Development Division, Community and Economic Development Department, 425 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104, 779-348-7162, by August 11, 2015 to make notice of their anticipated needs.

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