CITY OF MERCED HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

The City of Merced Housing Division is in the process of preparing the 2013 HUD Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is a comprehensive planning document used to identify the overall needs for affordable housing and community development, and outlines a strategy to address those needs. The Annual Action Plan is required to address a number of housing and community development issues as set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) including:

- **Citizen Participation** - A detailed citizen participation plan that strongly encourages the involvement of low, very low and extremely-low income residents to address where housing and community development funds could be spent.
- **Housing and Community Development Needs** - Statistical and analytical information that provides an overall picture of the City's housing and community development needs.
- **Housing and Community Development Strategy -** A strategic plan that brings needs and resources together in a coordinated housing and community development strategy**.** The strategy must be developed to provide decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities principally for low, very-low and extremely low income residents.
- **Action Plan: One Year Use of Funds** - A list of activities the City will undertake during the 2012-2013 program year to address priority needs and local objectives with anticipated program income and funds received under the HOME, CDBG, and other HUD programs for meeting housing and community development objectives.
- **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO):** Staff will provide information on the requirements to become a CHDO within our community. Any organization interested in become a CHDO must follow the process as outlined by HUD.

  A CHDO (pronounced cho'do) is a private non-profit, community-based service organization whose primary purpose is to prove and develop decent, affordable housing for the community it serves. Certified CHDOs receive certification from a Participating Jurisdiction indicating that they meet certain HOME Program requirements therefore are eligible for HOME funding.

Prior to drafting the plan, the City of Merced is seeking input from citizens regarding what the needs and priorities should be for the expenditure of City Housing funds for the 2012/13 Fiscal Year. Two public meetings will be held from March 6 & 7, 2013. Furthermore, a public meeting will take place on April 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., before the City Council in the City Hall, Council Chambers to review the 2013 HUD Annual Action Plan.

The pre-plan neighborhood meetings are scheduled at locations shown below:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, March 6, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Leonard , 644 T Street
Thursday, March 7, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Sam Pipes Room, Merced City Hall, 678 West 18th Street

For special accommodations and more information, please call the City's Housing Program at (209) 385-6863.