WHAT: As part of the North Merced Annexation Feasibility Study process, a second set of public meetings has been scheduled. The primary purpose of the meetings is to provide information on how the Feasibility Study is progressing and to continue to receive public input and comments. These meetings are the second in a series of public meetings about the Feasibility Study. The first meetings were held on May 21, 2019.

The City has retained a land use planning consultant to prepare the Feasibility Study. The purpose is to provide recommendations to the City regarding possible future annexation (incorporation) of all or portions of an area north of the City. The 7,670-acre Feasibility Study area is generally near UC Merced and is currently in Merced County. It is partially rural and partially developed, mostly with homes. The area is already identified in the City of Merced General Plan as a direction for future urban growth.

WHEN: The two information meetings are being held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. One meeting is scheduled from 3-5 p.m. and a second meeting is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. Each meeting will cover the same information. The public is invited to attend either or both meetings. A presentation will be made with a question and answer session to follow.

In addition to providing a summary of the Feasibility Study process and purpose, the presentation will include information about:

- The topics presented at the first information meetings;
- Summary of issues and concerns raised by participants at the May meetings;
- Activities conducted since the May meetings;
- Preliminary findings from technical analyses now in progress;
- Examples of the annexation process for inhabited and uninhabited land;
- Preliminary ideas for annexation/growth options (e.g. infill, traditional annexation, out-of-boundary services agreements, etc.) being considered; and
- Next steps and schedule.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.


LOCATION: Both meetings will be held in the Sam Pipes Room, which is located on the first floor of the Merced Civic Center at 678 West 18th Street.