

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ADOPTION OF THE MERCED LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, GENERAL
PLAN AMENDMENT #14-03, AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NOTICE OF
EXEMPTION

A public hearing will be held by the Merced City Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the City Council Chambers located in the Civic Center at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, concerning the *Merced Local Hazard Mitigation Plan* and, General Plan Amendment #14-03, initiated by the City of Merced. The *Merced Local Hazard Mitigation Plan* describes the hazards that threaten Merced and its growth area, such as fire, floods, and earthquakes, and lays out a set of strategies to save lives and reduce property damage in the event of natural disasters. The amendment to the Safety Element of the General Plan is needed to incorporate by reference the Hazard Mitigation Plan into the City's General Plan.

The City determined that a Notice of Exemption is the appropriate form of environmental review for this project under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A copy of the draft *Merced Local Hazard Mitigation Plan* and the proposed Notice of Exemption (ERC #10-37) are available for public inspection or purchase at the City of Merced Planning Department during regular business hours, at 678 West 18th Street, Merced.

All persons in favor of, opposed to, or in any manner interested in this project are invited to attend this hearing or forward written comments to the Director of Development Services, City of Merced, 678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. The public review period for the environmental determination begins on January 26, 2015, and ends on February 18, 2015. Please feel free to call the Planning Department at (209) 385-6858 for additional information. If you challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Merced at, or prior to, the public hearing.

After the Planning Commission makes its decision on this matter, the Plan and General Plan Amendment will also be considered at a public hearing before the City Council. A separate notice of that public hearing will also be given.

January 26, 2015

/s/ Kim Espinosa
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