

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 Council on Monday, March 16, 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.

On February 18, 2015, the Planning Commission considered this matter at a duly noticed public hearing and recommended that the City Council adopt the *Merced Local Hazard Mitigation Plan*, and to approve General Plan Amendment #14-03.

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. Please feel free to call the Planning Department at (209) 385-6858 for additional information. If you challenge the decision of the City Council 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.

February 27, 2015

/s/ Kim Espinosa  
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