PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF PICO RIVERA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to receive public input on the City's five-year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. As an entitlement jurisdiction, the City is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to complete the Consolidated Plan every five years to receive its allocation of CDBG funds. The Consolidated Plan identifies the housing and community development needs of the City's low-and moderate-income community, as defined by HUD, and establishes the City's HUD-funded strategies for addressing these needs for a five-year period. The CDBG Program provides federal funds for local improvement projects and programs. Activities assisted with CDBG funds must meet one of the three national objectives: principally benefit low and moderate-income people, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight or meet other community development needs having particular urgency.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers

6615 Passons Boulevard Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Description: The City is an entitlement community and typically receives federal annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To receive these funds, the City is required to prepare and submit to HUD an Annual Action Plan that generally describes how the City will utilize federal money during the next fiscal year to meet the goals and objectives approved by the City Council in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan identifies the housing and community development needs of the City's low-and moderate-income community, as defined by HUD, and establishes the City's HUD-funded strategies for addressing these needs for a five-year period. The Annual Action Plan is submitted to HUD on an annual basis and identifies how the City plans to use the federal money during the next fiscal year to meet the goals and objectives identified in its five-year Consolidated Plan.

Although HUD has not yet released the City's funding allocations for FY 2025-2026, the City is using estimated allocations based on the allocations it received last year from HUD. All proposed activities' budgets will be proportionately increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts when these are released by HUD. For FY 2025-2026, the City estimates receiving approximately \$550,000 in CDBG funds. Additionally, the City has approximately \$30,930 in unspent funds available for programming. The total available funds for programming as part of the FY 25-26 Annual Action Plan is \$580,930.

Priority Funding for CDBG activities are given to activities that:

- Provide decent affordable housing.
- Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation.
- Affirmatively further fair housing choice for all.
- Provide public services for extremely low, low- and moderate-income residents.
- Construct or upgrade public facilities and infrastructure.
- Planning and administration.

Fund allocation recommendations for FY 2025-2026 are outlined in the Annual Action Plan, which is now available for public review and comment.

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Section 24 CFR 58.34(a) of the National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA"), the proposed Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are exempt from CEQA and NEPA respectively. Under CEQA, the approval of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are exempt from CEQA under the Section 15061(b)(3)'s common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER wishing to observe the meeting may do so in the following ways:

- (1) Turn your TV to Channel 3
- (2) City's website at https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live

- (3) City's Official You Tube Channel youtube.com/cityofpicoriveraofficial
- (4) Email public comments to publiccomments@pico-rivera.org prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting
- (5) Attend the Public Hearing in person

The City of Pico Rivera encourages citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan planning process. For more information, please contact Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director, at (562) 801-4447 or via email at juliagonzalez@picorivera.org.

Members of the public wishing to make public comments may do so via email to the City Clerk at publiccomments@pico-rivera.org.

Availability of Document for Public Comment: The City of Pico Rivera encourages citizen participation in the planning process. The 30-day public review period for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan starts on Friday, March 21, 2025, and runs through Tuesday, April 22, 2025. A copy of the draft Plans will be made available for public review on the City of Pico Rivera's website: https://www.pico-rivera.org/community-development-block-grant/. For more information, please contact Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director, at (562) 801-4447 or via email at juliagonzalez@pico-rivera.org.

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed applications 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 written correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact the City Clerk Office at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed on an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time so that accommodations can be arranged.

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