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OPEN HOUSE FOR CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEDULED

Eugene and Springfield area residents are encouraged to attend and provide input

What: A meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, February 17, to provide the opportunity for Eugene and Springfield residents to learn about community needs and to provide feedback on the activities proposed to address the community's housing and community development needs for 2010-2015 prior to the public hearings scheduled for April 2010.

When: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 from 4 – 6 p.m.

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield City Hall 225 Fifth St.

Question: For additional information contact Molly Markarian at 541.726.4611 or online at www.eugene-or.gov/hudconplan

Background: The Cities of Eugene and Springfield must complete and adopt a Consolidated Plan every five years in order to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and other grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Plan primarily serves as a tool to guide the use of federal funds, in the most effective and coordinated manner possible, for local jurisdictions that receive these funds. The Cities complete a joint plan because the Cities jointly receive HOME funds as a Consortium. The last Consolidated Plan was created in 2005 and expires on June 30, 2010.

Eugene and Springfield have spent the last year compiling data and information and assessing community needs. The Eugene-Springfield 2010 Consolidated Plan identifies demographic trends in both cities and the needs of low- and moderate-income households, including those who are homeless and/or have other special needs. It also includes a housing market analysis. The Plan establishes goals and identifies a range of activities related to housing, economic

development, and social services to be carried out using CDBG and HOME funds for the five years beginning July 1, 2010.