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TUTUNJIAN ANNOUNCES SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

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(Troy – March 29, 2010) Mayor Harry Tutunjian announced the second of several public hearings taking place to accept public comments on the city’s proposed Five Year Consolidated Plan will occur on **Thursday April 1 at 6:00 PM** at Christ Church United Methodist at 35 State Street in downtown Troy.

“Our plan to invest money directly into the physical and social infrastructure of our South Troy and North Central neighborhoods can only be made stronger by listening to the people who live there,” said Mayor Tutunjian. “I encourage everyone to attend this meeting and make your opinions heard. This is your community and we want to know what you want to see happen.”

The city is proposing to invest approximately \$5 million over the next five years into the North Central and South Troy neighborhoods for infrastructure improvements using federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

The same night will have two other hearings taking place. First, the Draft 2010 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the Troy City Council. This one year annual action plan details how the city intends to distribute federal CDBG, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and HOME program monies. The hearing for that will immediate follow the first one, on **Thursday April 1 at 6:15 PM** at Christ Church United Methodist at 35 State Street in downtown Troy.

In addition, a thirty day public comment period will begin on Thursday, April 1 and end Friday, April 30 for the Draft 2010-2014 Strategic Plan of the Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan. Tutunjian encouraged people to attend the public hearing or submit written comments or questions regarding these proposed plans to the city’s Department of Housing and Community Development located in City Hall at 1776 6th Avenue, Troy, NY 12180 or by email at mayorsoffice@troyny.gov.

A copy of the Draft Strategic Plan of the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, as well as all of the applications submitted for 2010-2011 Consolidated Planning funding are available for public review Monday thru Friday between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the offices of the Department of Housing and Community Development in Troy City Hall. You can also call 279-7130 to have one emailed to you.

The City Council will vote on approval of the final Consolidated Plan and the 2010 Annual Action Plan for funding at its regular meeting at **7:00 PM on Thursday, May 6, 2010**. The City of Troy will submit its formal application for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by May 15, 2010.

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