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## **Public Hearings Scheduled for Consolidated Plan**

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(April 2, 2009- TROY)- The City of Troy has scheduled three public focus groups during the spring in conjunction with the preparation of its 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan.

The consolidated plan must be developed and submitted this year to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and describe the five-year goals and objectives for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds.

The dates of the focus groups are as follows:

- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009- South Troy, Polish American Club, 507 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009- North Central Troy, North Central Police Substation, 3100 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009- North Troy, Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club, 505 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Earlier this year, Mayor Harry J Tutunjian announced that the City would be changing the focus of the CDBG program and use the funding to direct more than \$6 million in improvements in South Troy and North Central Troy. This is the first step in that process.

“We are encouraging all neighborhood associations, residents, and agencies to participate in these focus groups,” Tutunjian said. “These meetings are vitally important to ensuring that we structure a consolidated plan based on the needs and wants of our residents. We have a unique opportunity here, and we must work together to guarantee success.”

If residents have any questions about the consolidated program, they can direct inquiries to Timothy Mattice in the Housing and Community Development department in City Hall. The phone number is 270-4476.