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**CITY OF KENT
Parks, Recreation & Community Services
Housing and Human Services Division**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
FIRST AMENDMENT
of the
2015 – 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
CONSOLIDATED PLAN
for
HOUSING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

A. BACKGROUND

1. The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development provides a framework for implementing housing, human services and community development activities from 2015-2019.
2. Each year the City of Kent executes specific-actions to implement the objectives and strategies of the five-year Consolidated Plan, which are outlined in an Annual Action Plan.
3. The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan was submitted via an online template that was mandated by HUD.
4. This template did not prompt the City to include a substantive Citizen Participation Plan (AKA Community Participation Plan) specifying what circumstances would constitute a *substantial amendment* of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.
5. In addition, the federal regulation on what to include in Citizen Participation Plans was revised after the Consolidated Plan was submitted.
6. The Citizenship Participation Plan also includes the City's *Criteria for Investing in Capital Projects*, which stakeholders and the community requested.
7. The City wishes to amend its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan so that it can add a *Citizen Participation Plan*.

B. AMENDMENT

Amend the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development to allow for the addition of a *Citizen Participation Plan*.

Public Hearing

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105, notice is hereby given that the City of Kent will hold a public hearing on February 16, 2017 to receive comments regarding the First Amendment of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. Comments will be received by the Kent Human Services Commission.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

All interested persons are invited to comment on the First Amendment of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan at the public hearing and during the 30-day comment period.

DATE/TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

**PLACE: 4th Floor, Centennial Center, Mountain View Conference Room,
Suite 401, 400 W. Gowe St., Kent, WA 98032**

Written comments will be accepted and may be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to:

Dinah R. Wilson, CDBG Program Coordinator
City of Kent, 220 4th Ave. South, Kent, WA 98032
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A draft copy of the *Citizen Participation Plan* and *this public notice* can be found on the City's web site at the following address:

<http://www.kentwa.gov/residents/human-social-services>. In addition, the Citizen Participation Plan may be examined or copies may be requested at the following location:

- Kent Human Services Division, Kent City Hall Building, 220 4th Ave. South, Kent, WA 98032, 3rd Floor
- Clerk's Office, Kent City Hall Building, 220 4th Ave. South, Kent, WA 98032, 1st Floor

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Signature

2/2/2017 Date