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## **City of Willows Announces Special Townhall Meeting on City Finances and Measure I, 1.5% Sales Tax Measure**

**(Willows, CA)** - On Thursday, September 12, the City of Willows and the Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee (FSAC) will co-host a townhall meeting to discuss the City's finances and Measure I, the 1.5% sales tax measure on the November 5, 2024, ballot.

"It's time to pull together as a community and face the hard facts and tough truth that revenues just aren't keeping pace with expenditures. I hope that this meeting will answer the public's questions regarding the city's financial circumstances so that voters may make an informed decision about Measure I at the ballot box in November," Councilmember Richard Thomas.

Joined by members of the Willows City Council and city management, Councilmember Richard Thomas will be the "Master of Ceremonies" with opening remarks, a presentation, and fielding the audiences' questions along with the rest of the Council and management.

"In partnership with my colleagues on the Council, I look forward to addressing the community's concerns about city finances, answering questions about Measure I, and reassuring the public that the City is in good hands and being very well managed," stated Mayor Gary Hansen.

The townhall meeting will be held at the Ark Christian Center, 222 North Butte Street, Willows, CA. Doors open at 5:30 with a casual reception and light refreshments. The presentation and discussion will start at 6:00 pm.

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**Townhall Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2024

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30; Presentation and Discussion start at 6:00 pm

**Location:** The Ark Christian Center, 222 North Butte Street, Willows, CA

**Additional Information Regarding FSAC:**

Invited by the City Council, FSAC members represent various civic groups in the City of Willows and are appointed by their organizations. Member participation is voluntary. The Committee has been meeting regularly with city management since mid-May to discuss and develop an approach to sharing information with the community about the city's finances and Measure I, the 1.5% sales tax measure on the November 5, 2024, ballot.