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CITY HALL REQUESTS FOR INTEREST AND PROPOSALS *Seeking proposals for uses that honor historic City Hall*

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton has released a RFI – Request for Interest – requesting proposals from qualified firms or organizations to rehabilitate, adaptively reuse, maintain, manage and, potentially, own the current historic City Hall at 425 N. El Dorado St. The document is titled, “Request for Interest for the Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse of Historic City Hall,” and includes proposal requirements and information about the building, property and other options. It is available at www.stocktonca.gov/EDDBid.

“We’re open to all ideas and concepts – even plans that include our historic City Hall and the block next door, for example, the Permit Center, Al Lee Automotive and City Annex,” said Economic Development Director Micah Runner. “Historic structures like City Hall require architectural and funding expertise. City Hall is 92-years-old, is on a local City of Stockton list of historical sites, and proposed changes must conform to federal standards. Stockton City Council is committed to preservation of the historic integrity of the building and will engage in a very public process to determine its future.”

In January, the City of Stockton closed escrow on an all-cash purchase of two buildings that will serve as the future City Hall, 501 and 509 W. Weber Ave. Together, these more modern, multi-story buildings will accommodate the current and future needs of multiple departments that have had to move to other buildings as the city grew throughout

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the decades. As leases expire in non-City owned buildings, departments will relocate to the future City Hall. The City will gain efficiencies and save money with co-location of departments and better serve the community with a one-stop-shop when conducting business with the City.

The Weber Avenue buildings were built in the 1980s and will require some updates and modifications to serve the needs of city departments. The City issued a Request for Proposal for these future City Hall buildings. The RFP is for space needs assessment and planning, initial design concepts, and cost estimates. This document is also available at www.stocktonca.gov/EDDBid.

Both the RFI and the RFP were prepared for firms or organizations that are submitting proposals. Members of the community are welcome to continue submitting suggestions and ideas by email at OurCityHall@stocktonca.gov or by calling the City's Community Relations Officer at 209-937-8827.

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