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CITY TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS ON 415 WEST WASHINGTON SITE PROPOSALS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 1, 2008 — An advisory committee appointed by the Ann Arbor City Council will interview three development teams about their proposals for the city-owned site at 415 W. Washington. The interviews, which are open for the public to attend and observe, will be held on Wednesday, August 13 from 5:00 – 9:30 pm in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, located at 220 N. Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor.

The city issued a request for proposals in February 2008 for the acquisition and redevelopment/reuse of the former maintenance garage site at 415 W. Washington Street. In April 2008, three development teams submitted proposals: the Ann Arbor Art Center, Morningside Equities Group and Old Westside Square Development Group.

Each development team will make a 30-minute presentation outlining their proposal. Following the presentation, the advisory committee will pose questions to the team about specific aspects of their proposal. The interview schedule is:

- 5:00 pm – Ann Arbor Art Center
- 6:30 pm – Morningside Equities Group
- 8:00 pm – Old Westside Square Development Group

After the interviews, the advisory committee will evaluate the proposals and make a recommendation to City Council in early fall about how to proceed with the redevelopment of the site.

The request for proposals and related background material is available on the city Web site at www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/systems_planning/Pages/415WWashingtonRFP.aspx.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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