

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PATERSON NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT AND PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN YEAR 2019-2020

Annually, the City of Paterson receives entitlement funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA), and Homeless Emergency Solution Grant (HESG) Programs. HUD requires that the City submit an Annual Action Plan every year.

The purpose of the Substantial Amendment is to revise the CDBG, HOPWA, and ESG budgets for program year 2019-2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Paterson will be receiving the following funding allocations under the CARES Act, which must be used to prevent, prepare and respond to the emergency: CDBG \$1,502,258; HOPWA \$255,594; and ESG \$689,534.

The City has revised its citizen participation policy as follows: During declared emergency situations, such as pandemics or natural disasters, the requirement to publish the notice and summary in a newspaper of general circulation may be suspended. The City shall at a minimum publish public notices on the City of Paterson's website www.patersonnj.gov and promote such advertisements on social media as available. Furthermore, a shorter time period for notification may be allowable by HUD waivers. The timelines adopted will be a five day comments period. The entire Citizen Participation Policy is available for public review at the City's website; www.patersonnj.gov/cd.

In accordance with the citizen participation requirements of the Department of Community Development, as revised, interested persons are encouraged to participate in a virtual public meeting thru YouTube live at (<https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofPatersonNJCityHall/live>), please call (973) 321-1579, access code #7116800071 to provide input. The virtual public meeting will be held on **Monday, June 1, 2020, from 11am to 12pm**. The public meeting will be televised via the local public access channel number #77 on Optimum; and also on channel #32 on FIOS. Please call (973) 321-1579, access code 7116800071 to provide input. The purpose of this virtual public meeting is to seek public's input regarding how the CARES Acts funds awarded to the City should be used, in order to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the revised Citizen Participation Policy, the public will have five (5) days (from June 2, 2020 to June 6, 2020) to submit their input in writing to the address below for inclusion on the planning process. Once drafted, the 2019-2020 Action Plan Substantial Amendment document will be available for public review and comments at the City's website; www.patersonnj.gov/cd and on the Mayor Sayegh's Facebook account at www.facebook.com/AndreSayeghPaterson.

Please send your comments to:

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By order of:

Andrè Sayegh, Mayor

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