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RE: De Soto Strategic Plan – Public Engagement Workshop Invitation

The De Soto City Council is currently developing a long range strategic plan. The plan will serve as a basis for future actions related to several important policy areas critical to local governance including economic development, current and future land use planning, utility master planning, growth, and visioning. An important part of the plan's development is to obtain meaningful feedback from members of the community who have a stake in the future of De Soto.

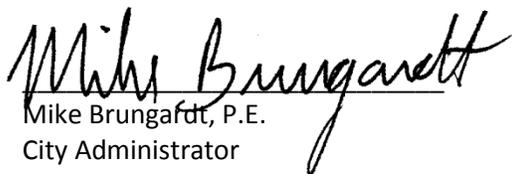
In January, the City held two workshops with selected participants from the community. Building on the results of those meetings, we want to encourage feedback from a broader group of constituents on a focused list of topics. I invite you to attend one of two Public Engagement forums to be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 2017** at De Soto City Hall. The first session will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, and the second will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. These sessions are open to the public, and you are invited to attend either session. Please feel free to pass along the invitation to anyone who might be interested.

During the meeting, you will be asked to share your thoughts and opinions about several areas of focus that have been identified as priorities by the focus group and Council. Your feedback will be used to guide the Governing Body in the development of goals and objectives to incorporate into the strategic plan and a new "Vision, Values, and Mission" statement for the City.

More information about the process and the key findings to date is available on the City's website at www.desotoks.us/visioning.html There you will find a comment form that I invite you to fill out and return to City Hall, or bring with you to the Public Engagement Workshop. I also invite you to participate in an online survey on the topic, which is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/H2C66R5.

I hope you can find the time to become engaged in this process. Meaningful feedback from the community is critical to the success of a strategic plan, which should strongly reflect the priorities and wishes of those who rely on good local governance.

Sincerely,



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