



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Conan Smith
Commissioner

DATE: April 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Update on Budget Community Forums

As previously discussed, Administration has been asked to schedule several community forums in order to:

- Create engagement opportunities for community groups;
- Share information and gather feedback; and
- Engage solution partners to help the County achieve budget outcomes and community goals.

The County has asked to co-convene with existing groups and the following forums have been scheduled:

- **Local Business/Citizens**
Local Chambers (*Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Dexter, Milan, Manchester, Saline and Ypsilanti*), and several Ann Arbor Chamber sub-committees
Date: Tuesday, May 26th
Time: 7:30 -9:30 am
Location: LRC, Room A
- **Not-For-Profit Funders/Agencies**
Funders Forum (*funders*), Community Collaborative (*NFP Executive Directors*) and Region Success (*Business NFP*)
Date: Wednesday, June 3rd
Time: 3 – 5 pm
Location: LRC, Room A
- **CEO Group members and their elected officials**
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009
Time: 4 - 6 pm
Location: WISD
- **Public Safety and Justice**
City, Court, Bar Association, Prosecutor, Public Defender, Police Chiefs
TBD



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- **County Boards/Committees/Commissions**

All members will receive an e-invite to attend any of the above mentioned Community Forums

The forums will be a great opportunity to both share information with the community and to ask for their feedback. The draft agenda for the forums will be:

- Update on the Financial State of the County post April Equalization Report
- Opportunity to share their current financial situation (Revenue picture we are facing)
- Review of recommendations (General – Non Specific, or as specific as we can be given what is under consideration)
- Facilitated conversation on priorities from a Community Perspective – either what if, or what next.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you,

Conan