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**TITLE: Adams Street and City Hall Request for Proposals Generate Four Proposals**

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**ST. HELENA, CA** – In response to two Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the City of St. Helena, four proposals have been submitted and are now being reviewed by staff.

On October 27, 2015, March 22, 2016 and May 10, 2016, the St. Helena City Council discussed the issuance of RFPs for both the Adams Street and City Hall properties. Based on Council direction, staff finalized both RFPs and issued them on June 21, 2016. Notification of the RFPs was sent by mail and email to over 70 firms with specialties including architecture, planning, real estate transactions, commercial real estate development, hotel development, housing development and real estate investment. The RFPs were posted on the City's website and made available for public review. A pre-proposal tour of the properties was held on the sites on July 6, 2016.

The deadline for submitting proposals for both RFPs was Friday, August 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. PST. The City received three proposals in response to the Adams Street RFP and one response to the City Hall RFP. A proposal review team has been assembled that includes City staff along with highly qualified private sector consultants. The proposals will be reviewed by the team in the weeks ahead to confirm that each meet the minimum requirements of the RFP and are financially and legally viable. In addition, staff is developing a public review process to fully engage the community and allow direct input on each of the proposals. A proposed schedule is being developed and will be made available to the public within the weeks ahead.

City Manager Jennifer Phillips emphasized, "My overarching goal is for this process to be open and inclusive; so extensive and timely communication to the community, quality workshops and a thorough and neutral review of the proposals will be key objectives of the process moving forward."

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