

# PRESS RELEASE



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**TITLE:** Adams Street and City Hall Proposals – Modified Meeting Schedule

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**ST. HELENA, CA** – The City of St. Helena has rescheduled the October 19, 2016, Community Workshop on the Request for Proposal (RFP) responses to October 22, 2016, due to scheduling conflicts. The intent of this meeting is to review and receive public comments on the four proposals received in response to the RFPs for the Adams Street and City Hall properties.

Based on Council direction (provided on October 27, 2015, March 22, 2016 and May 10, 2016), staff issued both RFPs on June 21, 2016. Notification of the RFPs was sent to over 70 firms with specialties including architecture, planning, real estate transactions, commercial real estate development, hotel development, and housing development and real estate investment. In response, the City received three responses to the Adams Street RFP and one response to the City Hall RFP. Conceptual drawings for the proposals were presented to the City Council on September 27, 2016. The City Council agenda, Item 18 staff report and Attachment (conceptual renderings) can be viewed using this link: <http://www.ci.st-helena.ca.us/content/city-council-september-27-2016-regular-session-6pm>.

On September 6, 2016, the City issued a press release outlining a tentative schedule for the RFP review public to review and comment on the proposals including an October community workshop. Scheduling conflicts were brought to staff's attention regarding the October 19, 2016, Community Workshop date and these conflicts were determined to have a potentially significant impact on attendance and participation. Therefore the City has re-scheduled the community workshop from October 19, 2016, to October 22, 2016. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the St Helena Fire Department, 1500 Main Street (use Railroad Avenue entrance). The public is invited to attend and participate with the goal of providing public input on each of the proposals directly to City staff.

Staff will be making all four proposals in their entirety publicly available on the City's website by next week. It is important for the public to understand that these proposals have not been fully analyzed by City staff and are only the initial offers presented by the Respondents. Staff will undertake an in depth analysis of the proposals over the months ahead and is expecting to present the projects to the City Council in February 2017 for their review. As part of this presentation, staff will identify the results of the evaluation and analysis of each proposal and summarize community feedback received on each. Following public input, staff will request Council direction on selecting developer(s) with which to initiate negotiations.

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