CITY OF GULFPORT PUBLIC NOTICE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2023 ACTION PLAN FOR THE CDBG & HOME ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS PUBLIC HEARING, DRAFT AVAILABILITY & COMMENT PERIOD

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved a deadline extension for the City of Gulfport to develop and resubmit its 2023 CDBG and HOME Action Plan, a component of its 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. For Program Year (PY) 2023, HUD has allocated the City \$723,144 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$549,635 in HOME Investment Partnerships Entitlement Program funds to support eligible projects. The City does not anticipate generating program income during PY2023.

In compliance with HUD requirements, the City conducted a public hearing on January 10, 2024 to provide opportunity for citizens to share oral and written input about priority housing and community development needs of the City and to invite public participation in development of the 2023 Action Plan. The public hearing scheduled for January 8, 2024 was cancelled in the interest of public safety due to severe weather. To provide a second opportunity to present information and for citizens to share oral and written comments, a public hearing has been scheduled on:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gulfport City Hall Council Chambers

Citizens are urged to attend, particularly low-, very low-, extremely low-income and public housing residents, minorities, and those with mobility, visual, and hearing impediments. Those individuals who wish to participate but may be hindered by disabilities or are non-English speaking are urged to call the City at 228-868-5705 ext. 6638 at least three (3) weekdays prior to the hearing so reasonable arrangements can be made.

A draft of the City of Gulfport's 2023 CDBG and HOME Action Plan will be available for public review on February 8, 2024 on the City's website, www.gulfport-ms.gov. Hard copies will be made available for review during regular hours at:

Gulfport City Hall

Gulfport Community Development

Gulfport Public Library

Orange Grove Public Library

2309 15th Street

1410 24th Avenue

1708 25th Street

12135 Old Highway 49

To further expand the opportunity to submit written input about housing and community needs or the 2023 Action Plan draft document, a 30-day written comment period will begin February 8, 2024 and end at 4:00 p.m., March 8, 2024. To be considered and incorporated into the City's 2023 Action Plan, written comments must be **received** by the deadline. Comments may be delivered, mailed or emailed to:

Gulfport Community Development Department Physical location: the Hardy Building, 1410 24th Avenue Mailing address: P.O. Box 1780 Gulfport, MS 39502

Email address: communitydevelopment@gulfport-ms.gov